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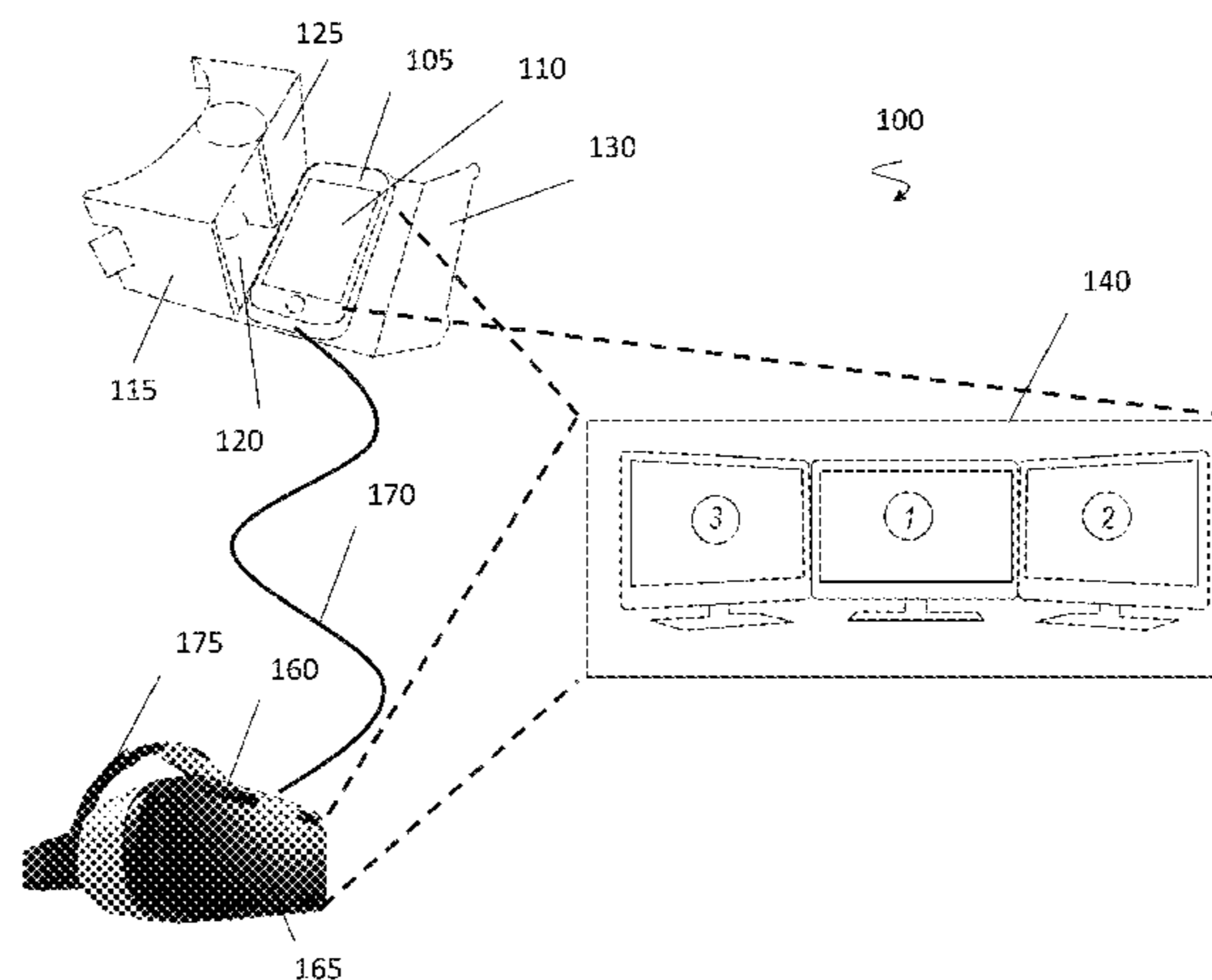
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Method and devices for creating a sedentary virtual-reality system are provided. A user interface is provided that allows for the intuitive navigation of the sedentary virtual-reality system based on the position of the users head. The sedentary virtual-reality system can render a desktop computing environment. The user can switch the virtual-reality system into an augmented reality viewing mode or a real-world viewing mode that allow the user to control and manipulate the rendered sedentary environment. The modes can also change to allow the user greater situational awareness and a longer duration of use.

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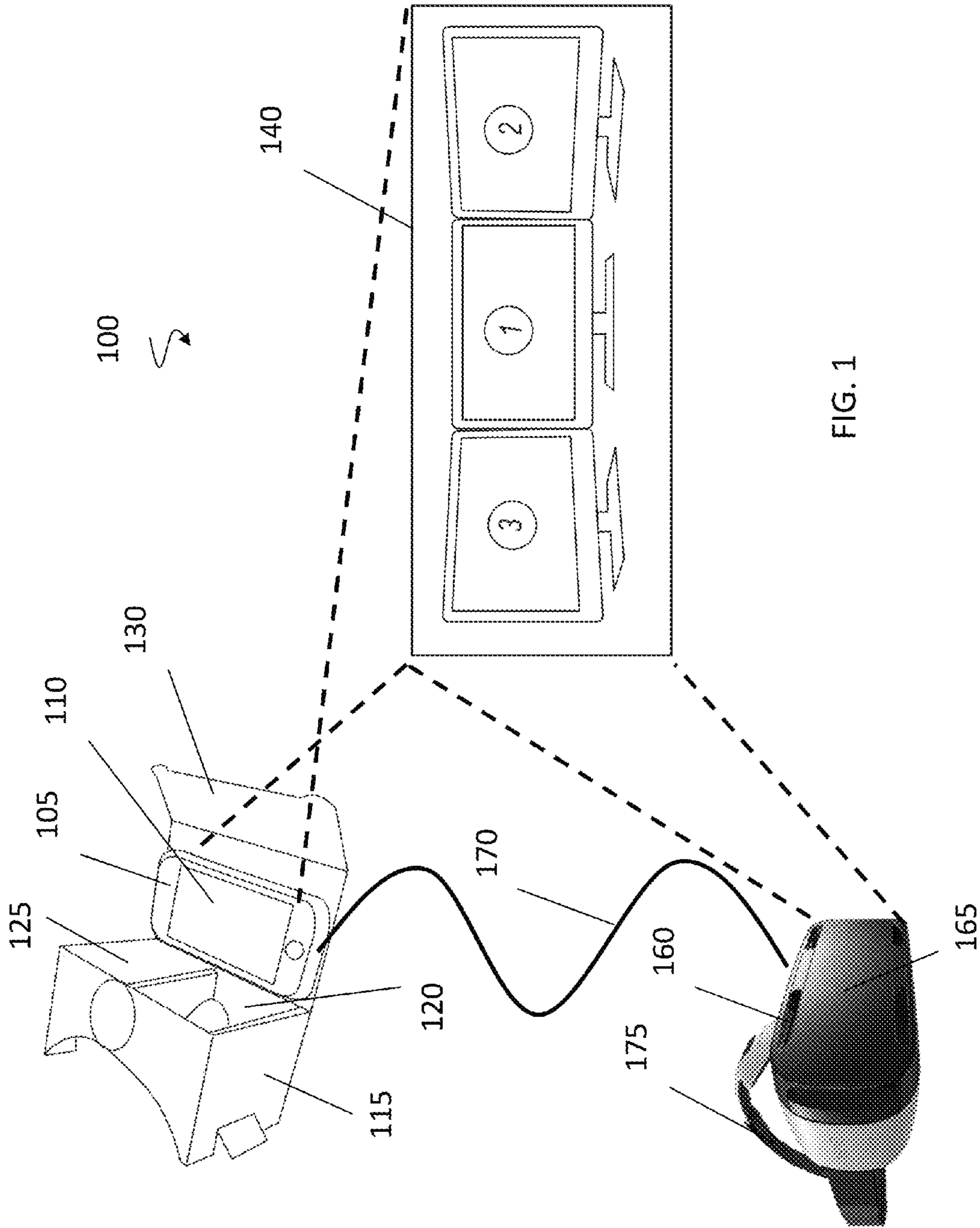


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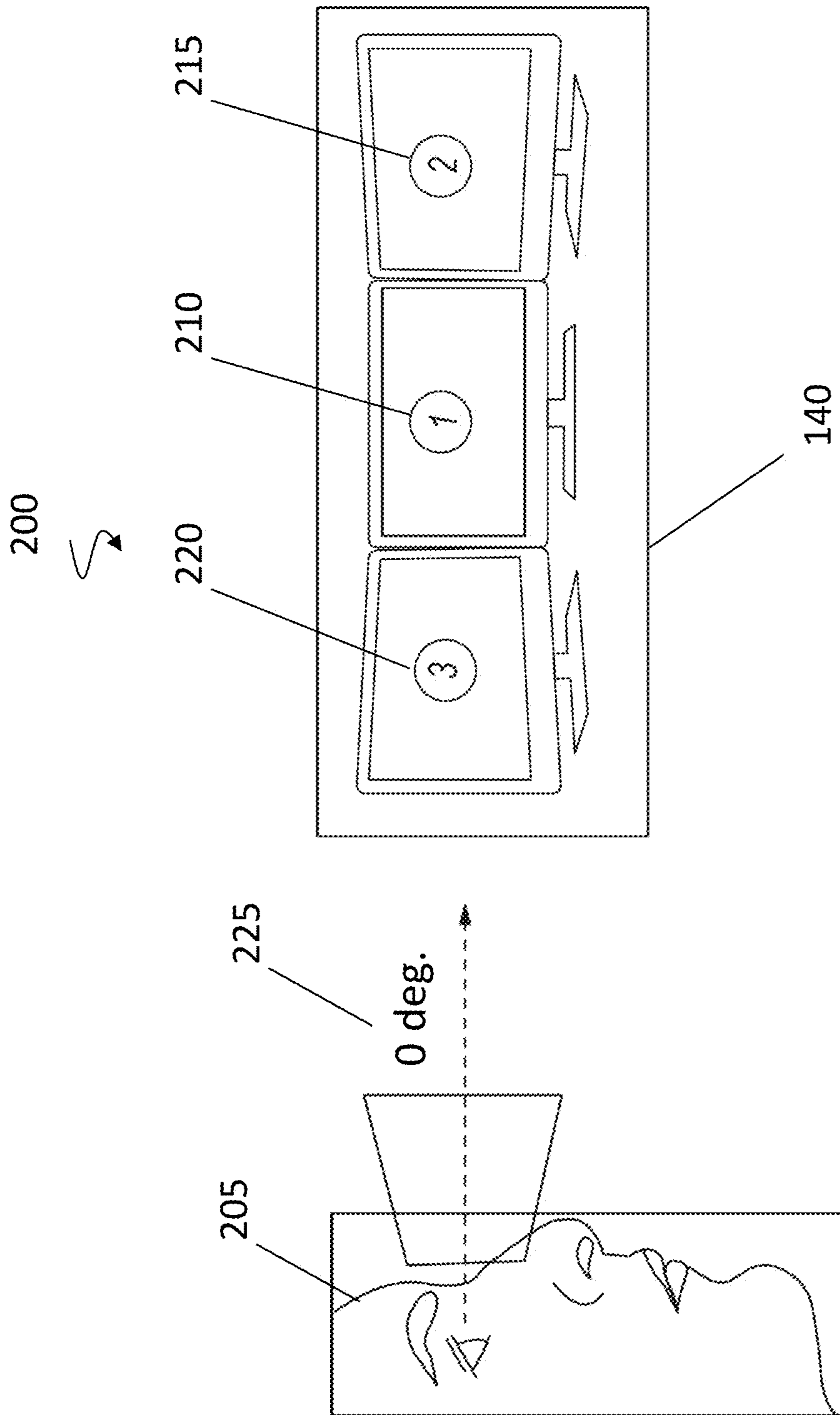


FIG. 2A

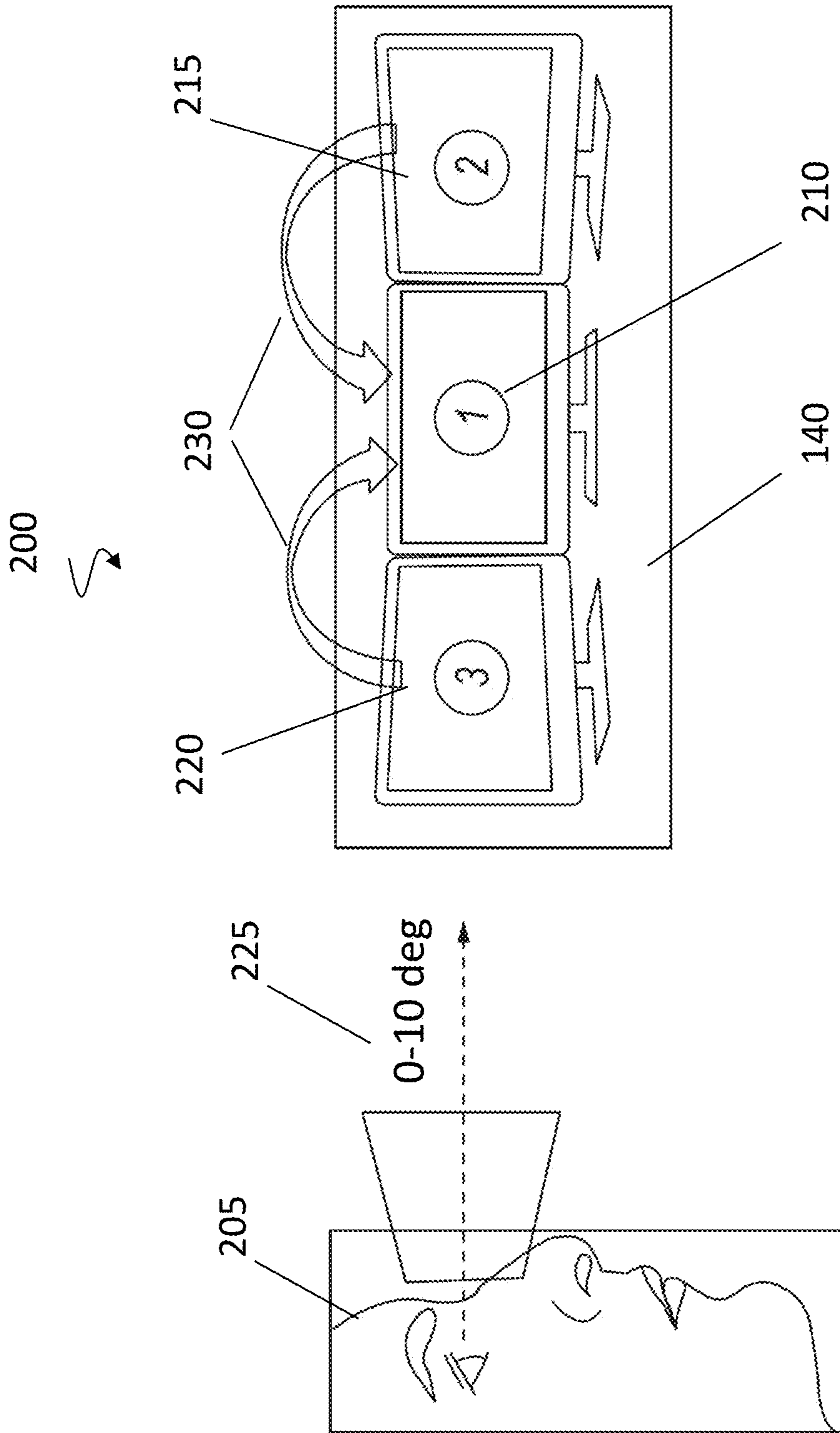


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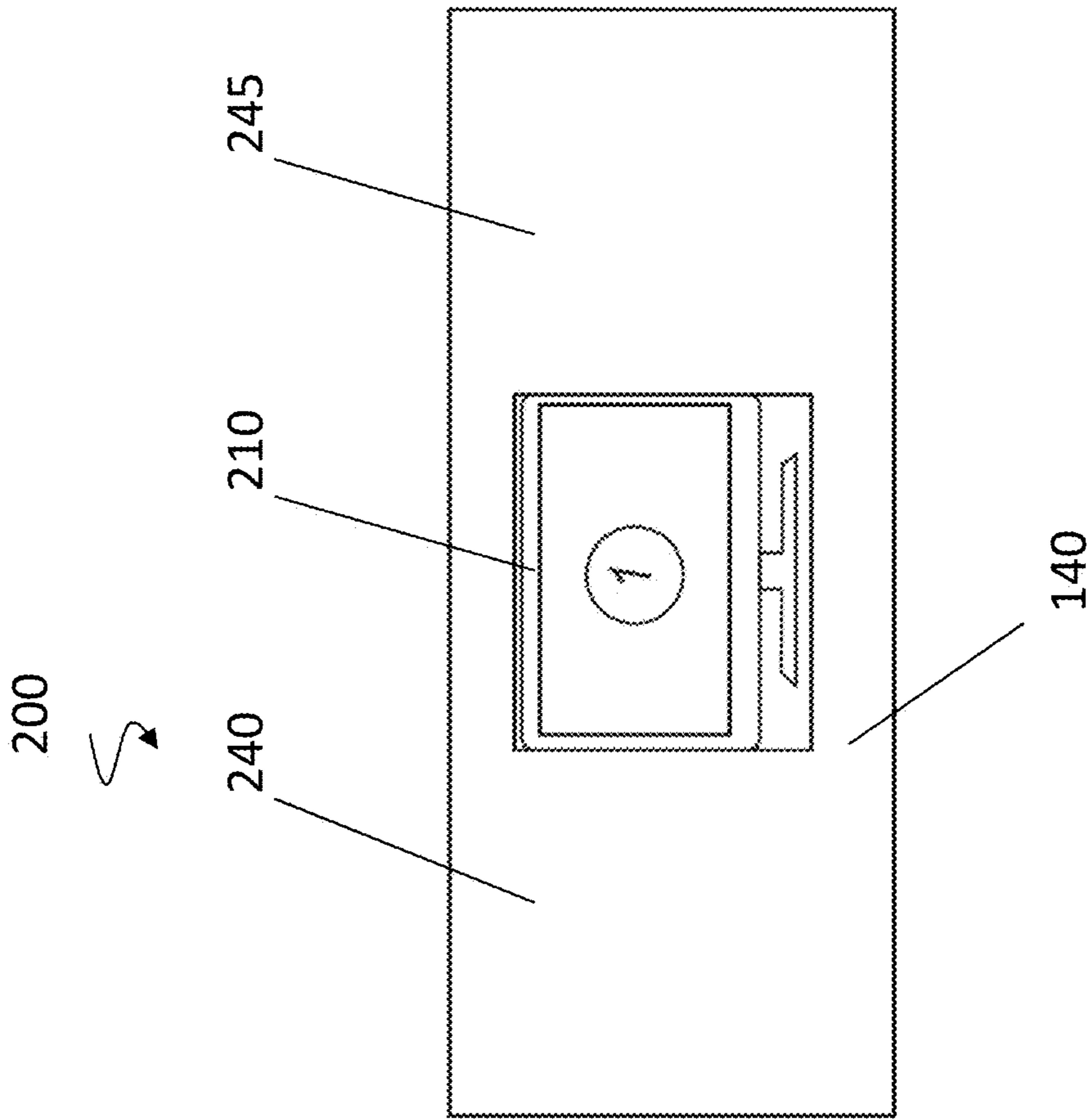
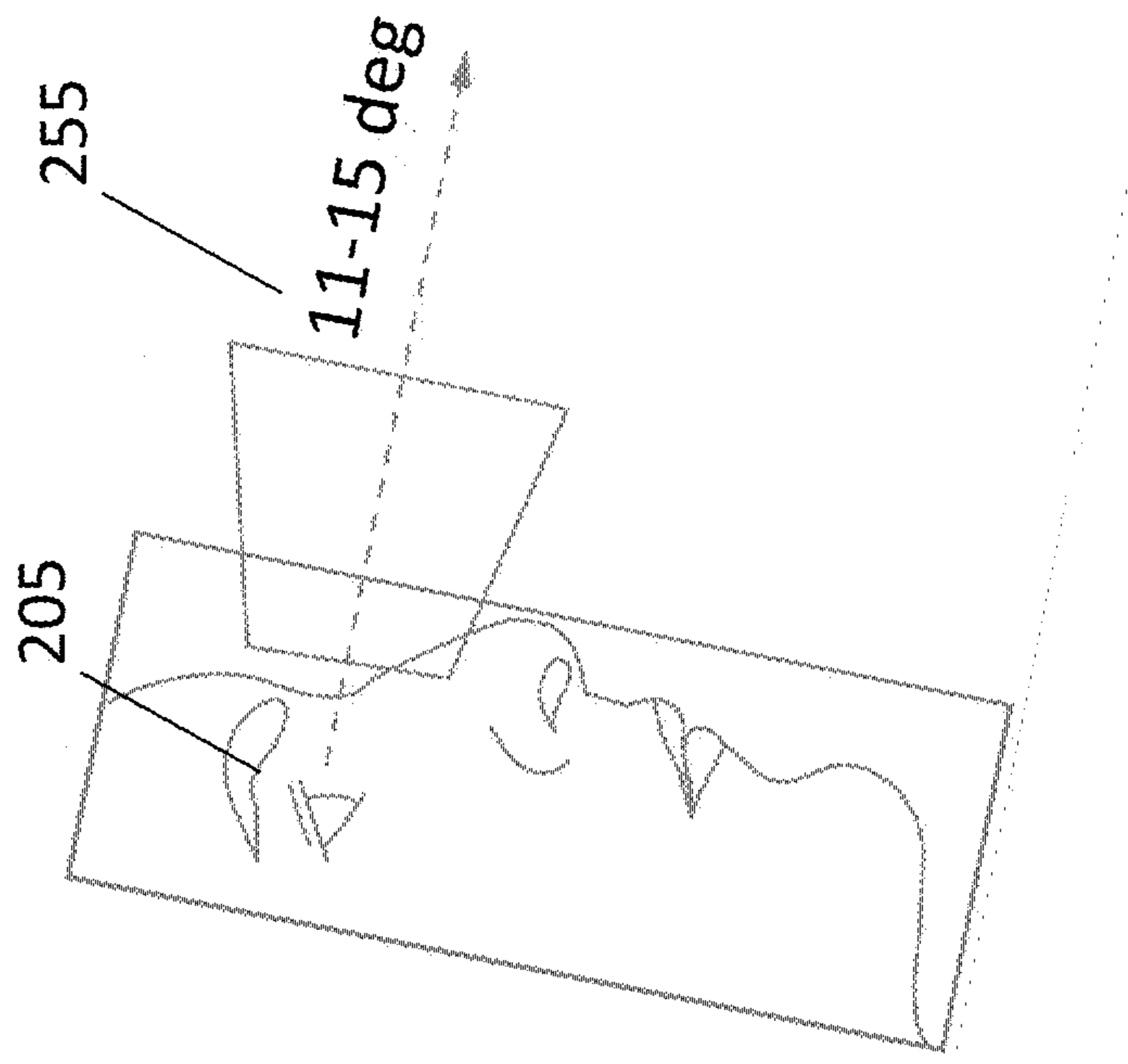


FIG. 2C



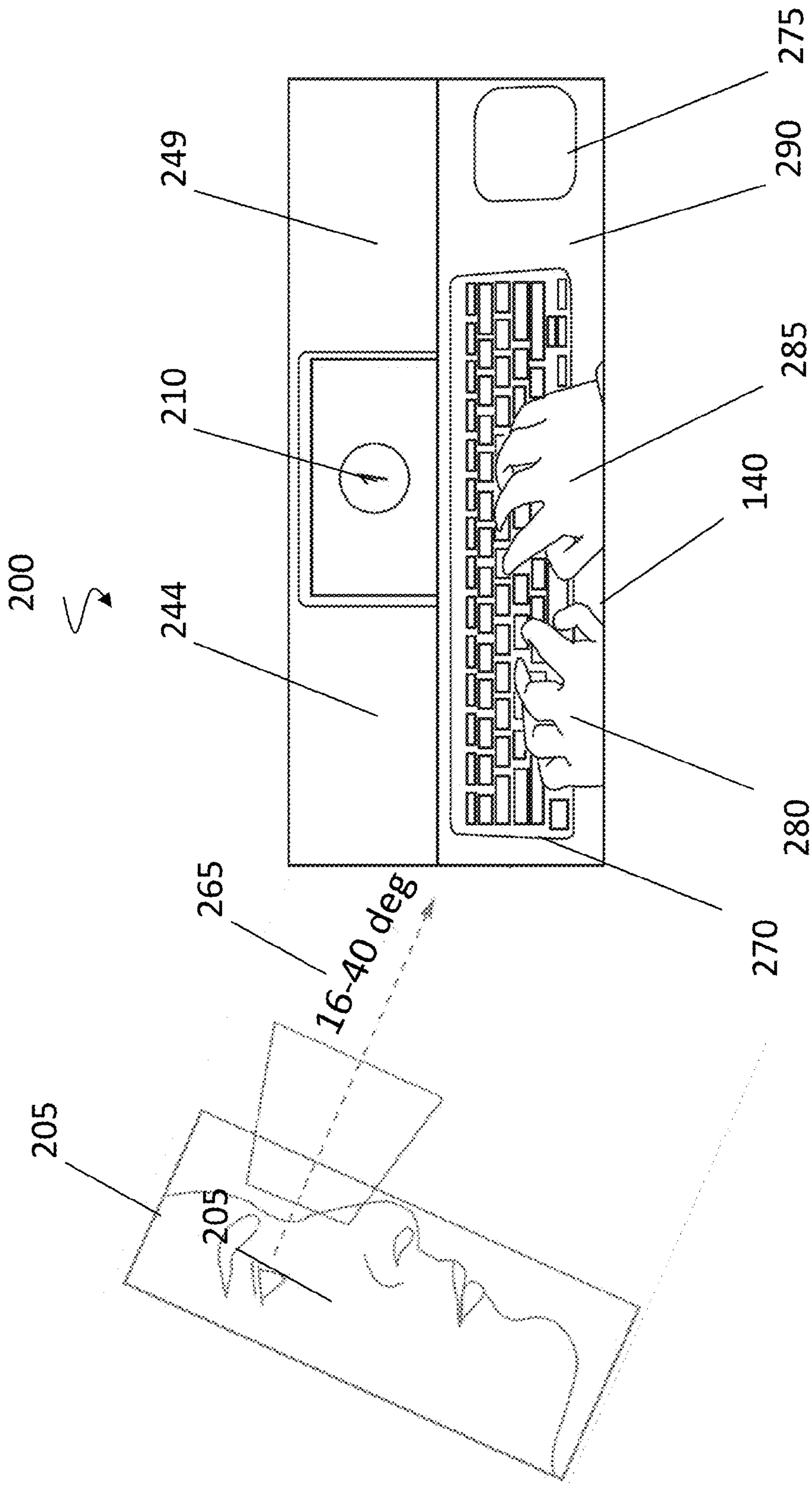


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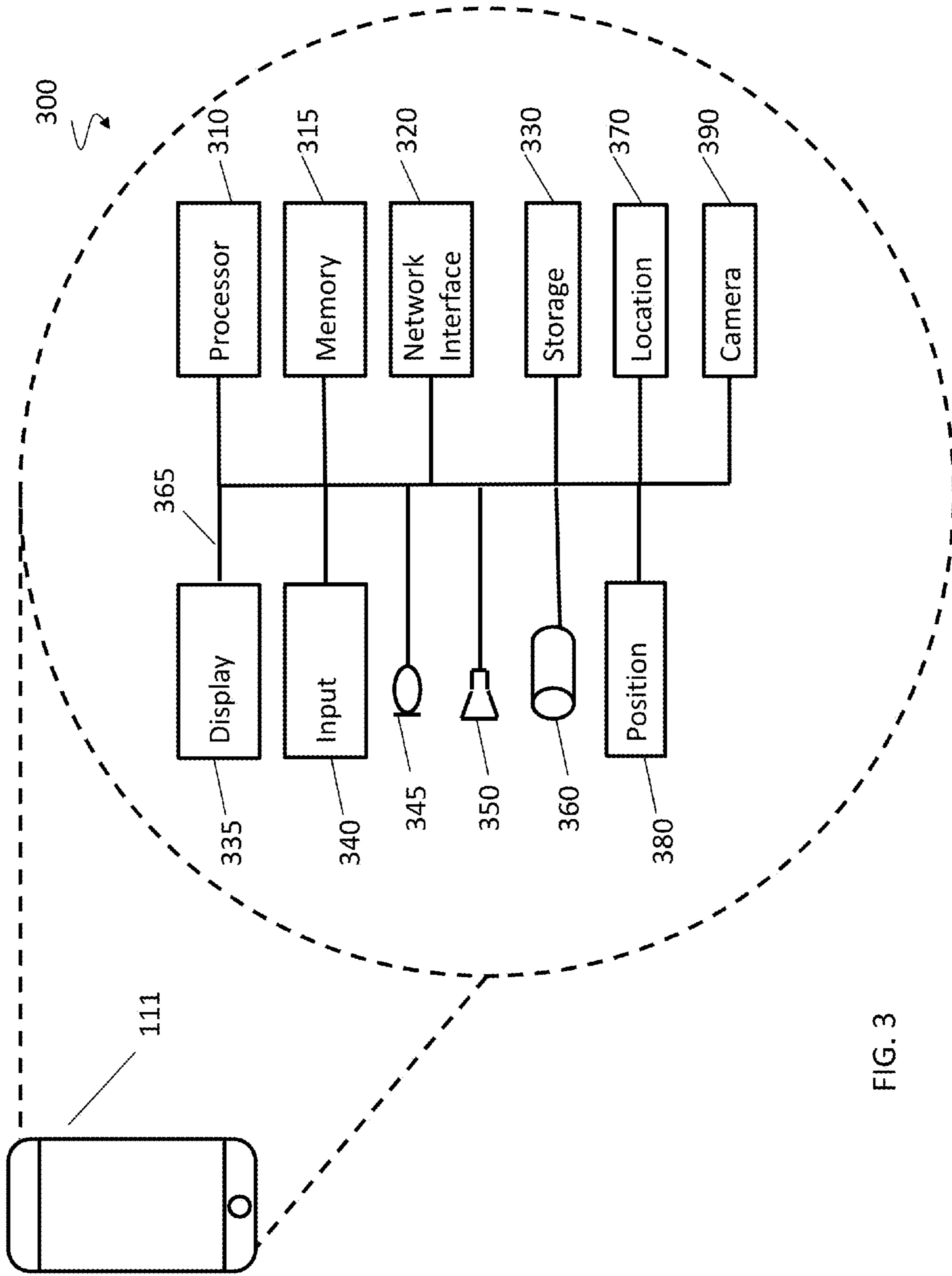


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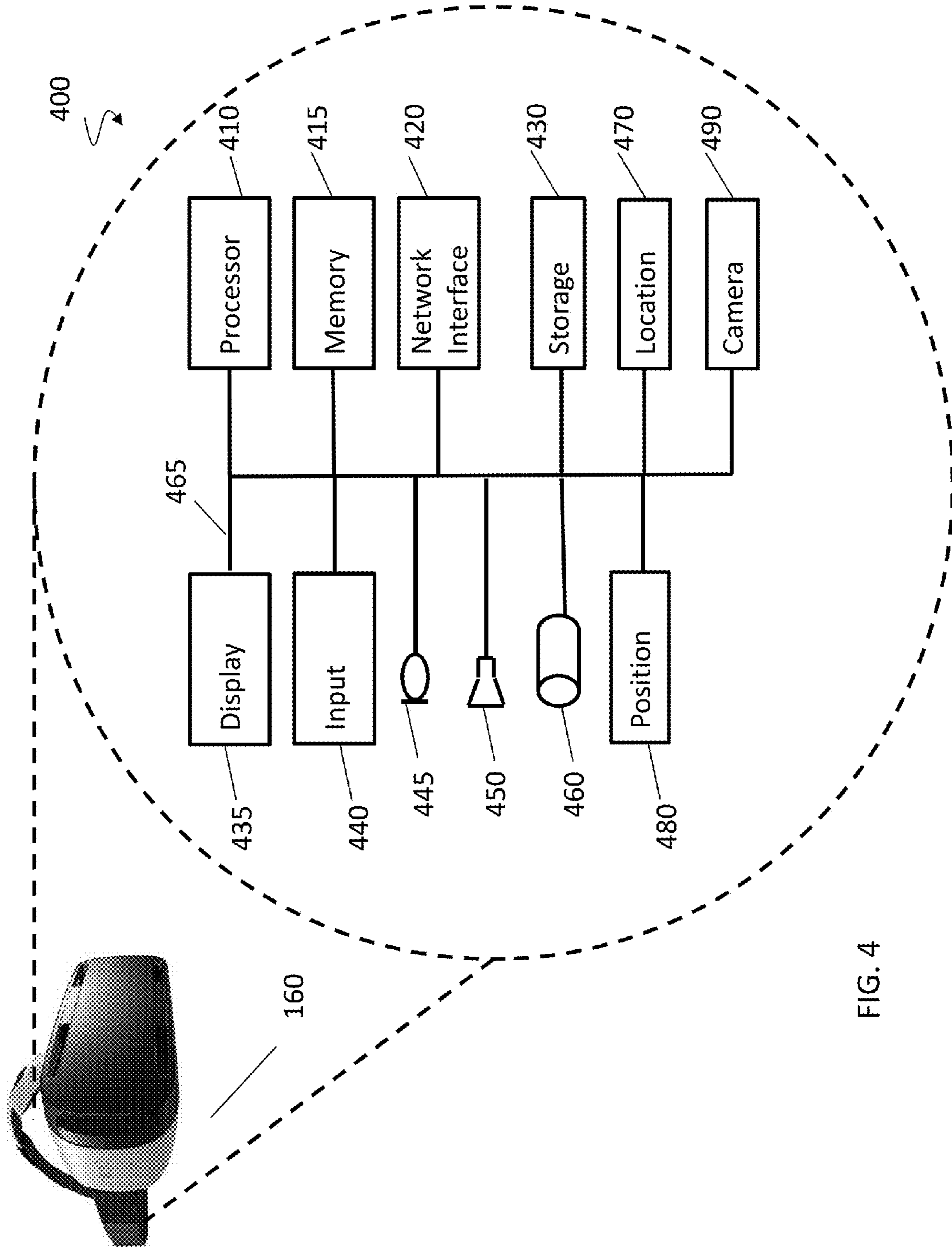


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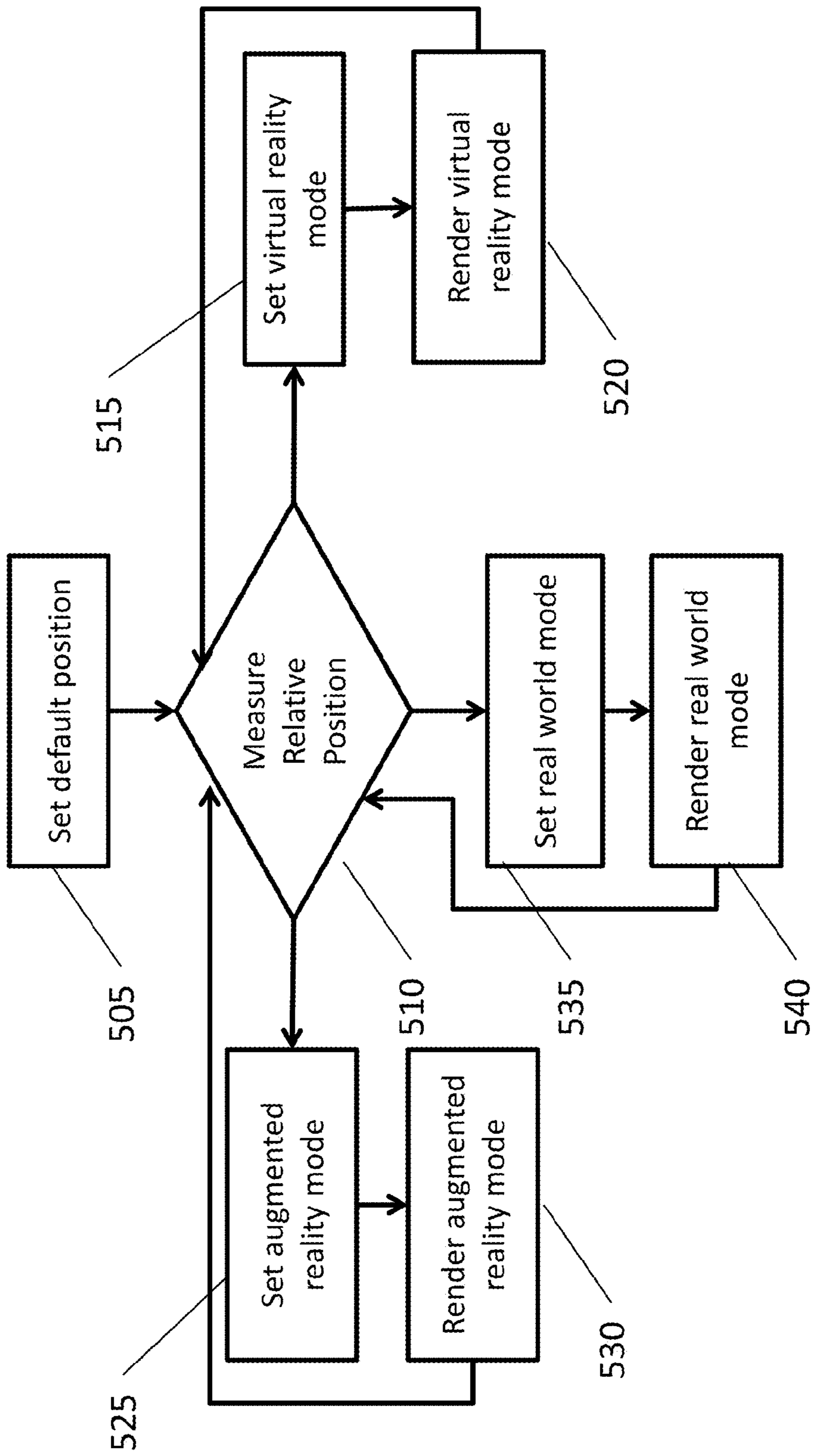


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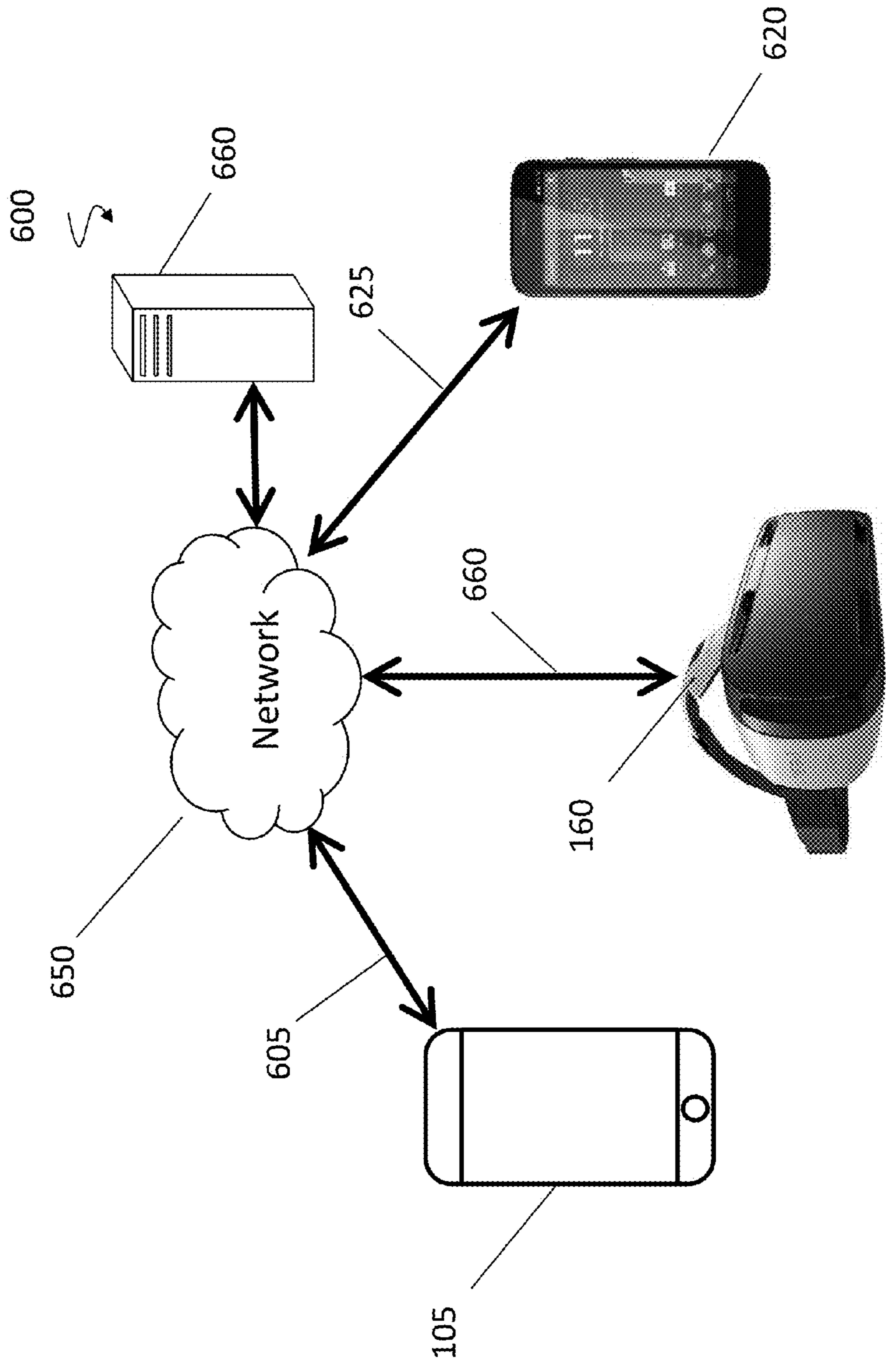


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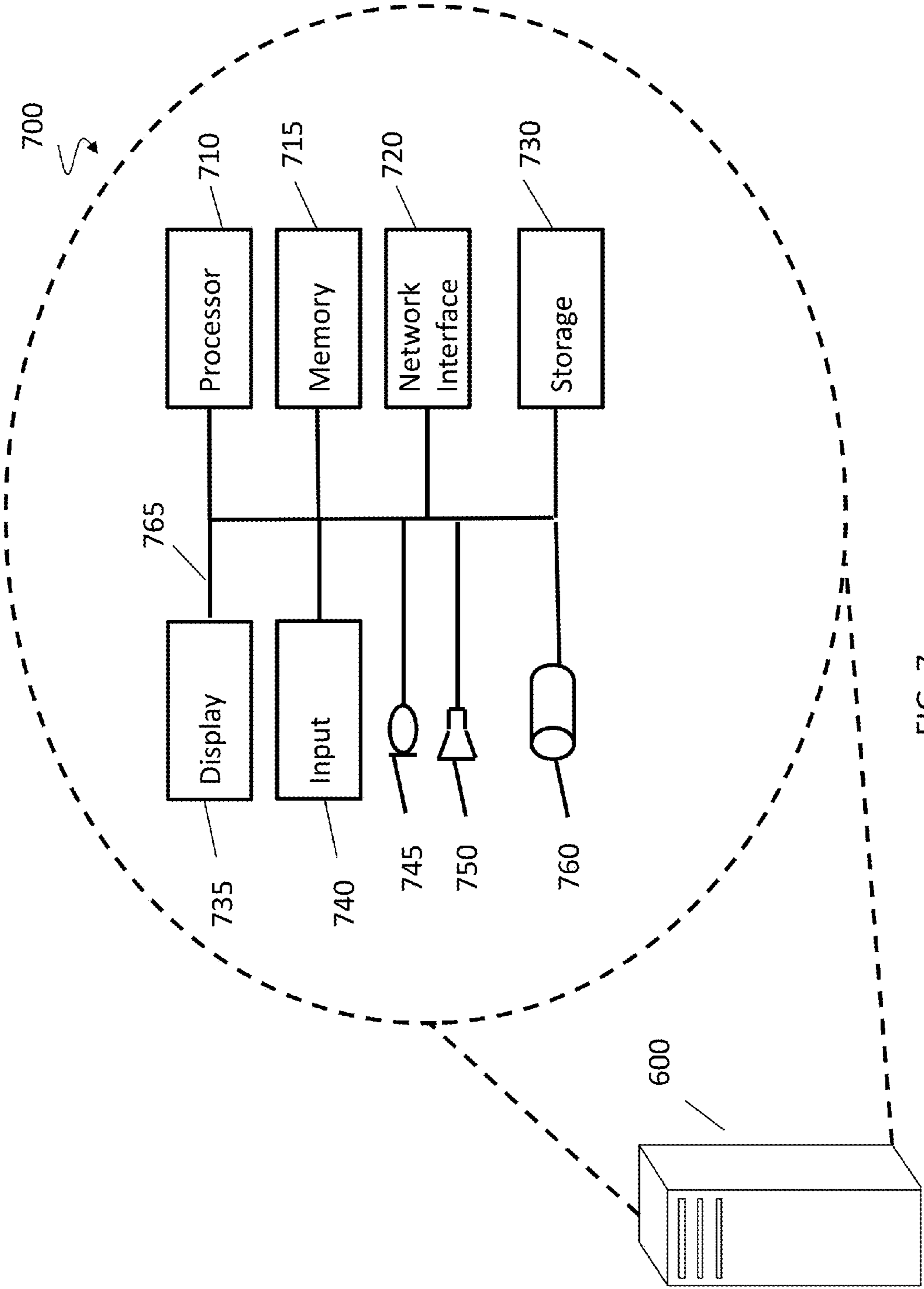


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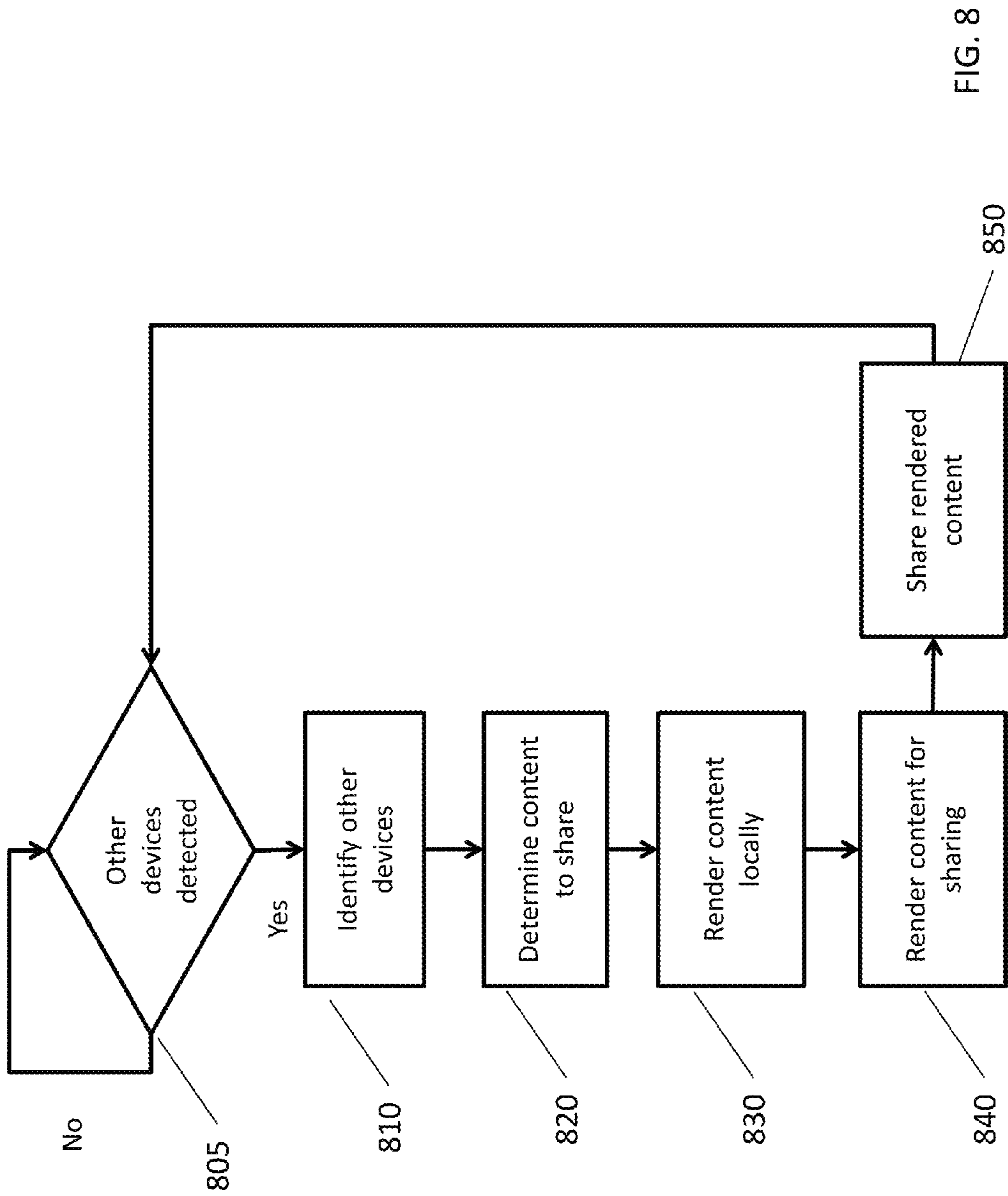


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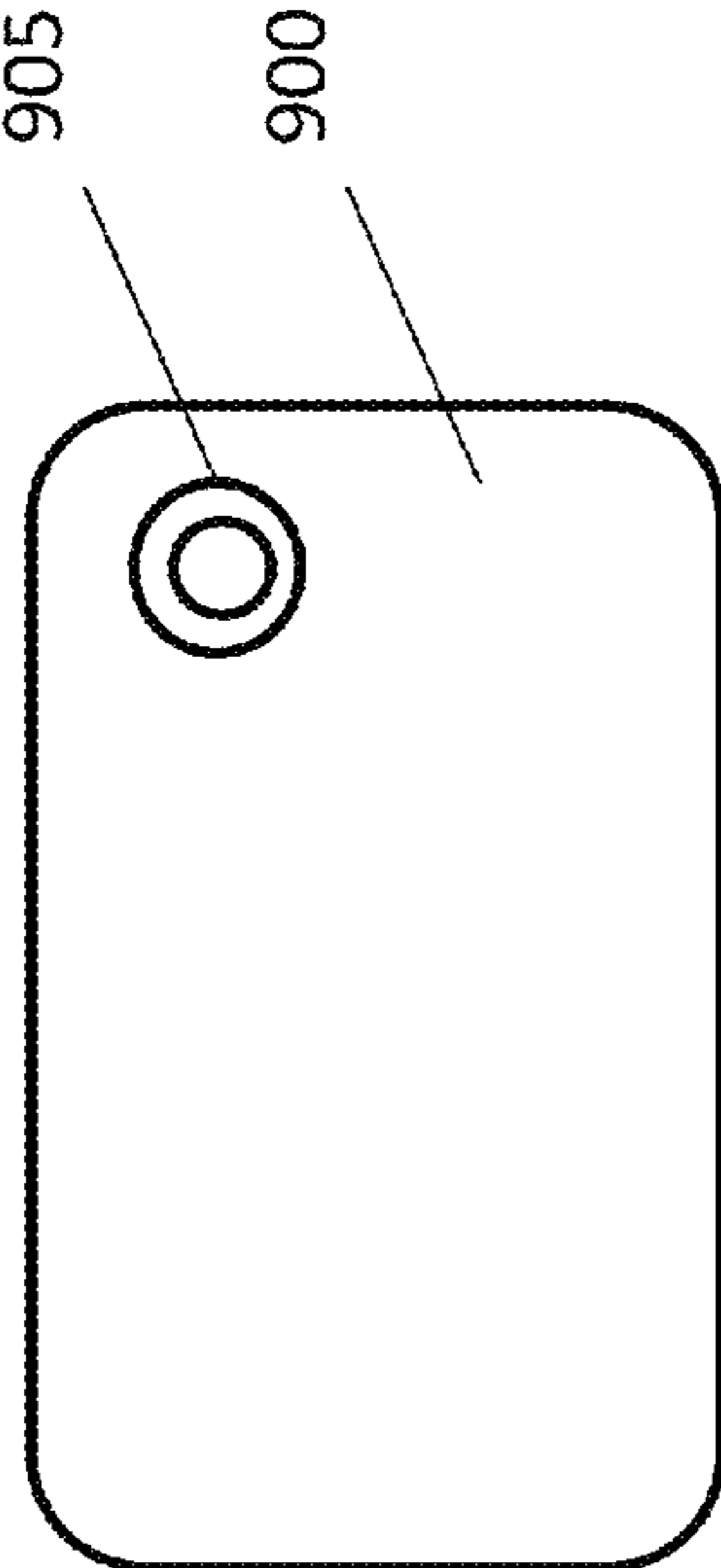


FIG. 9A

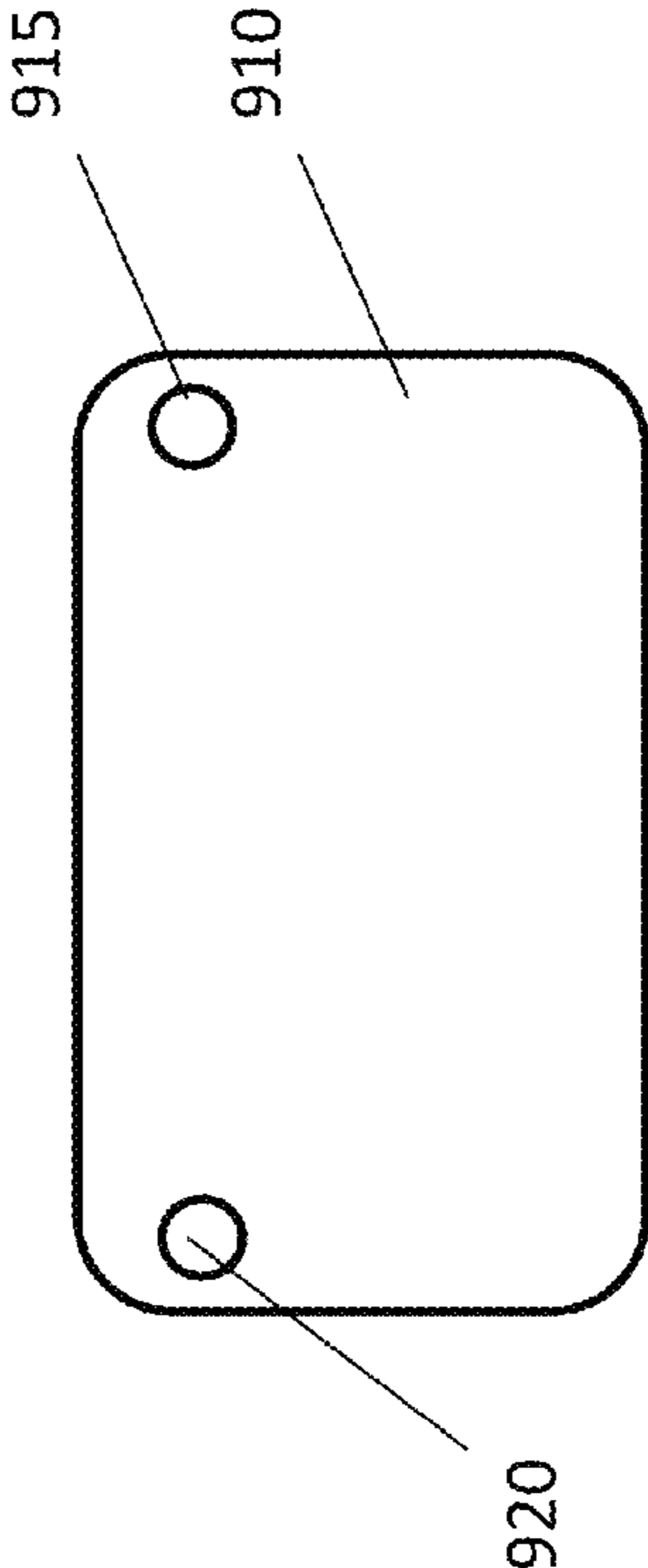


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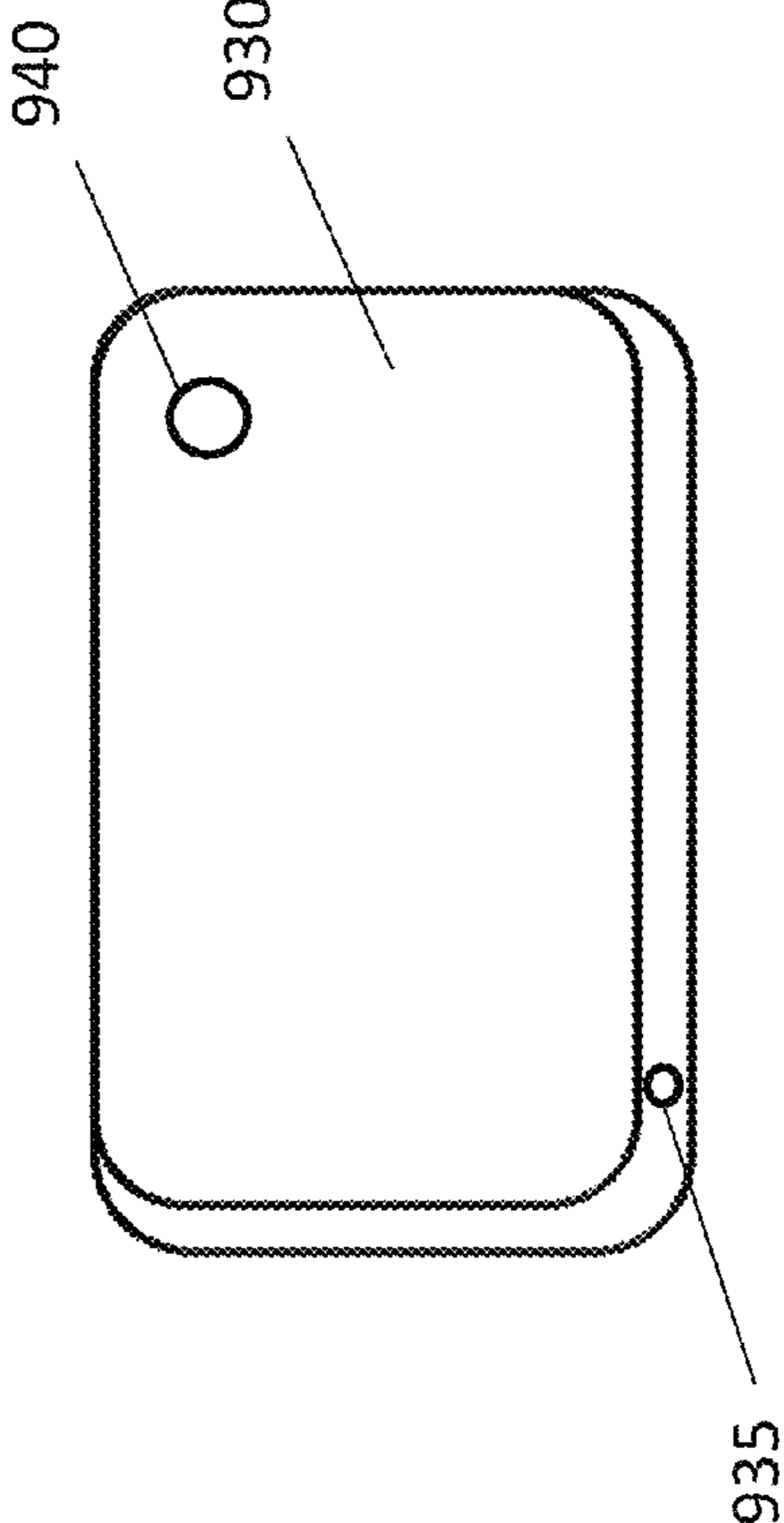


FIG. 9C

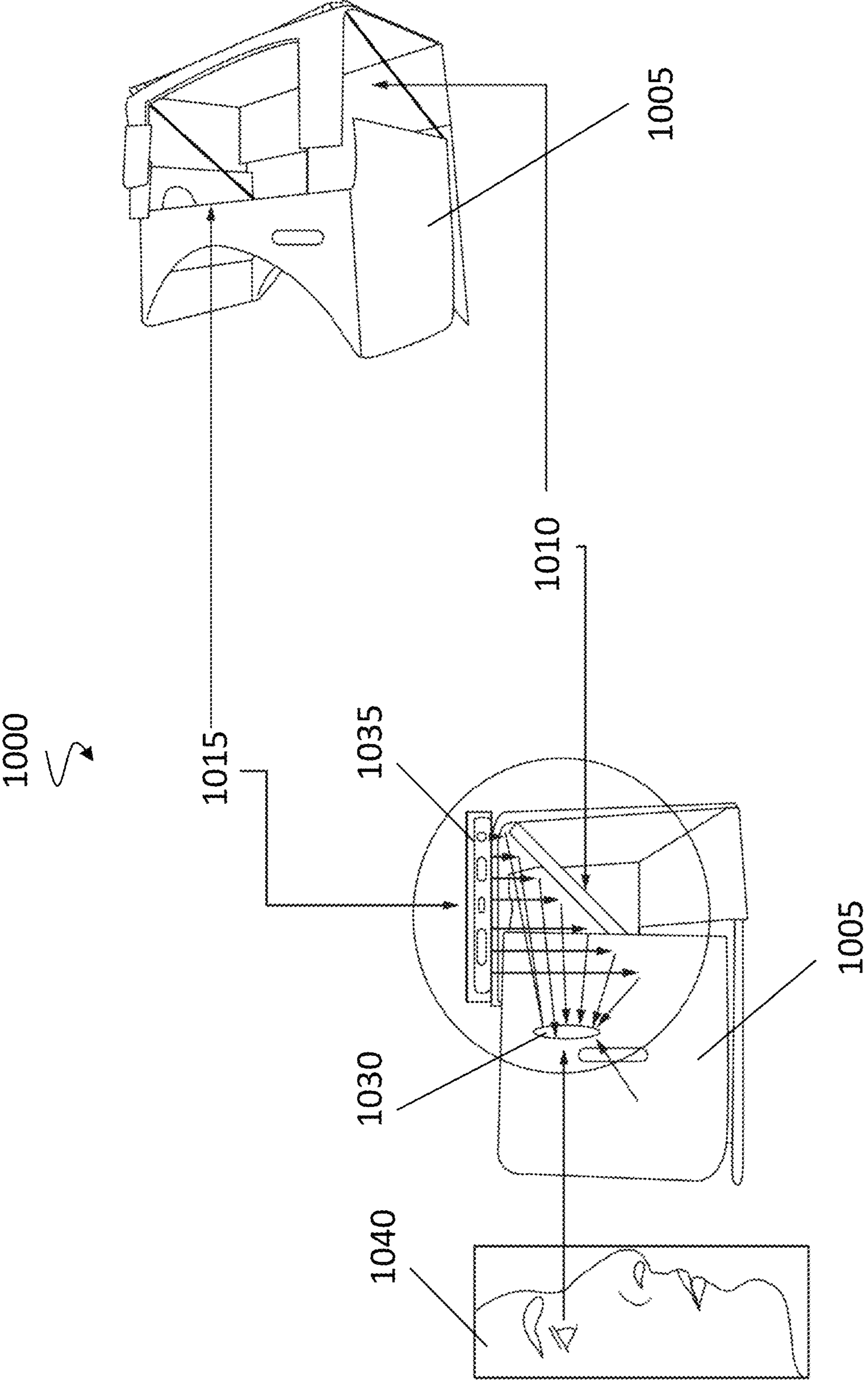


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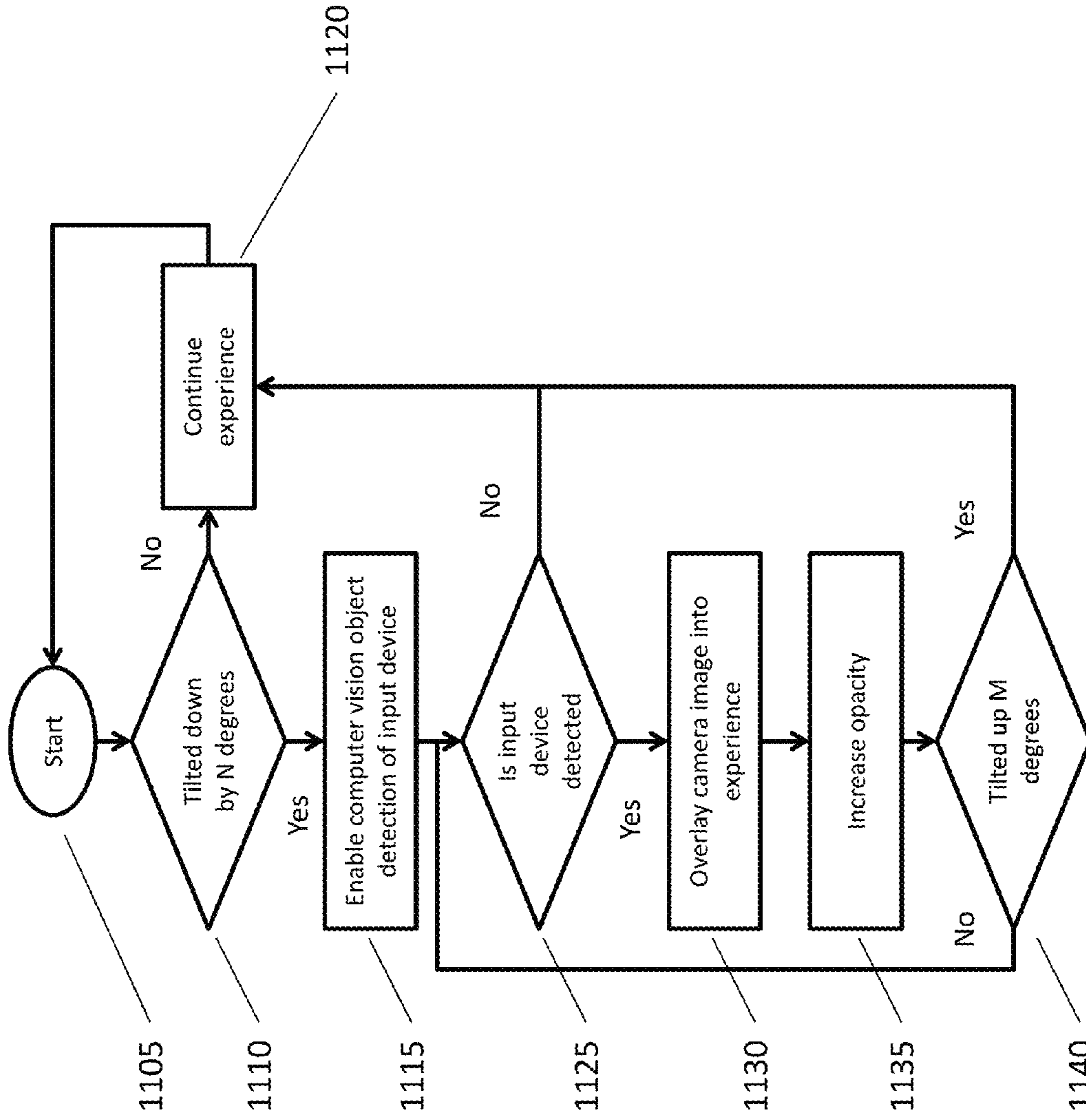


FIG. 11A

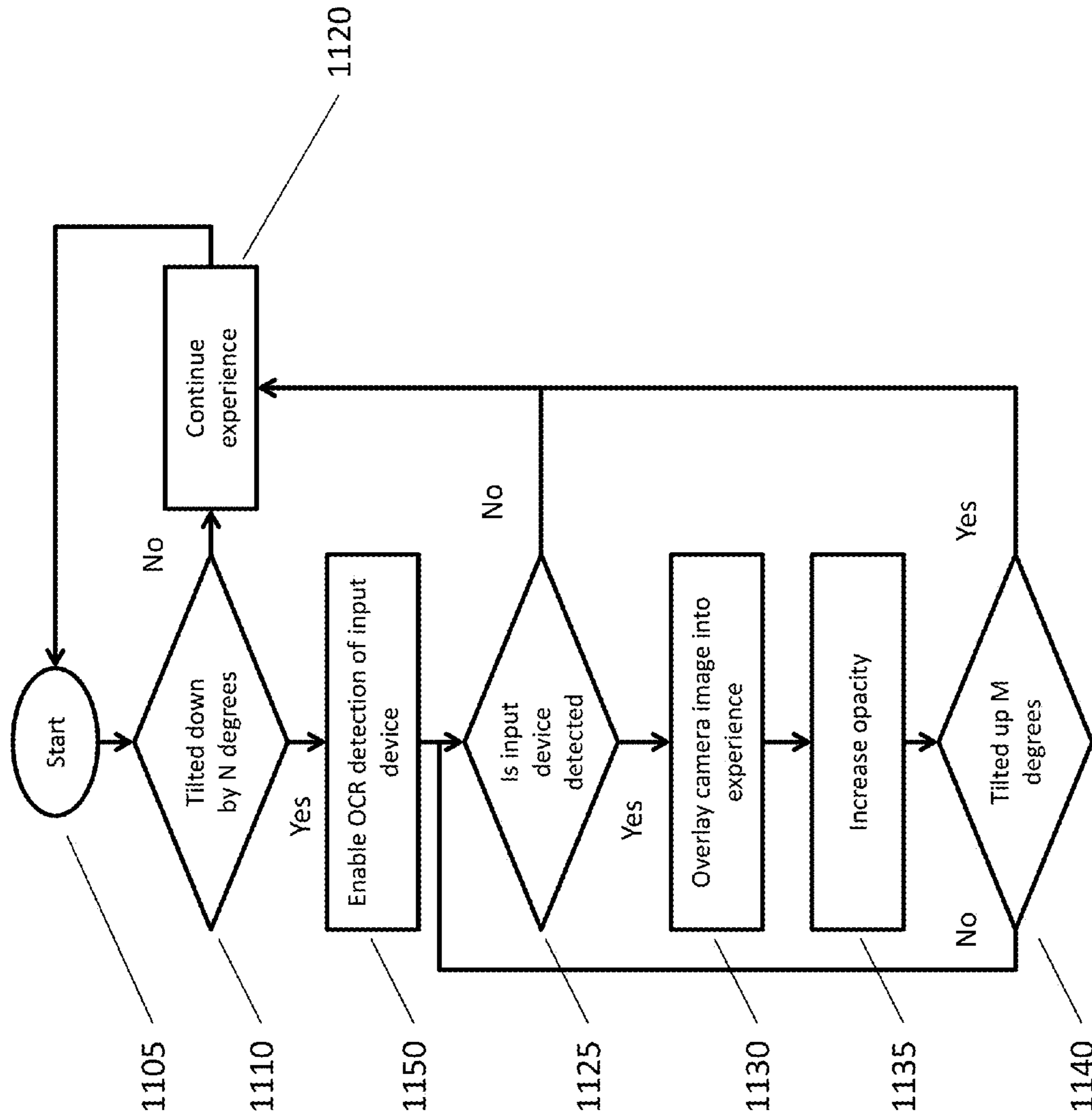


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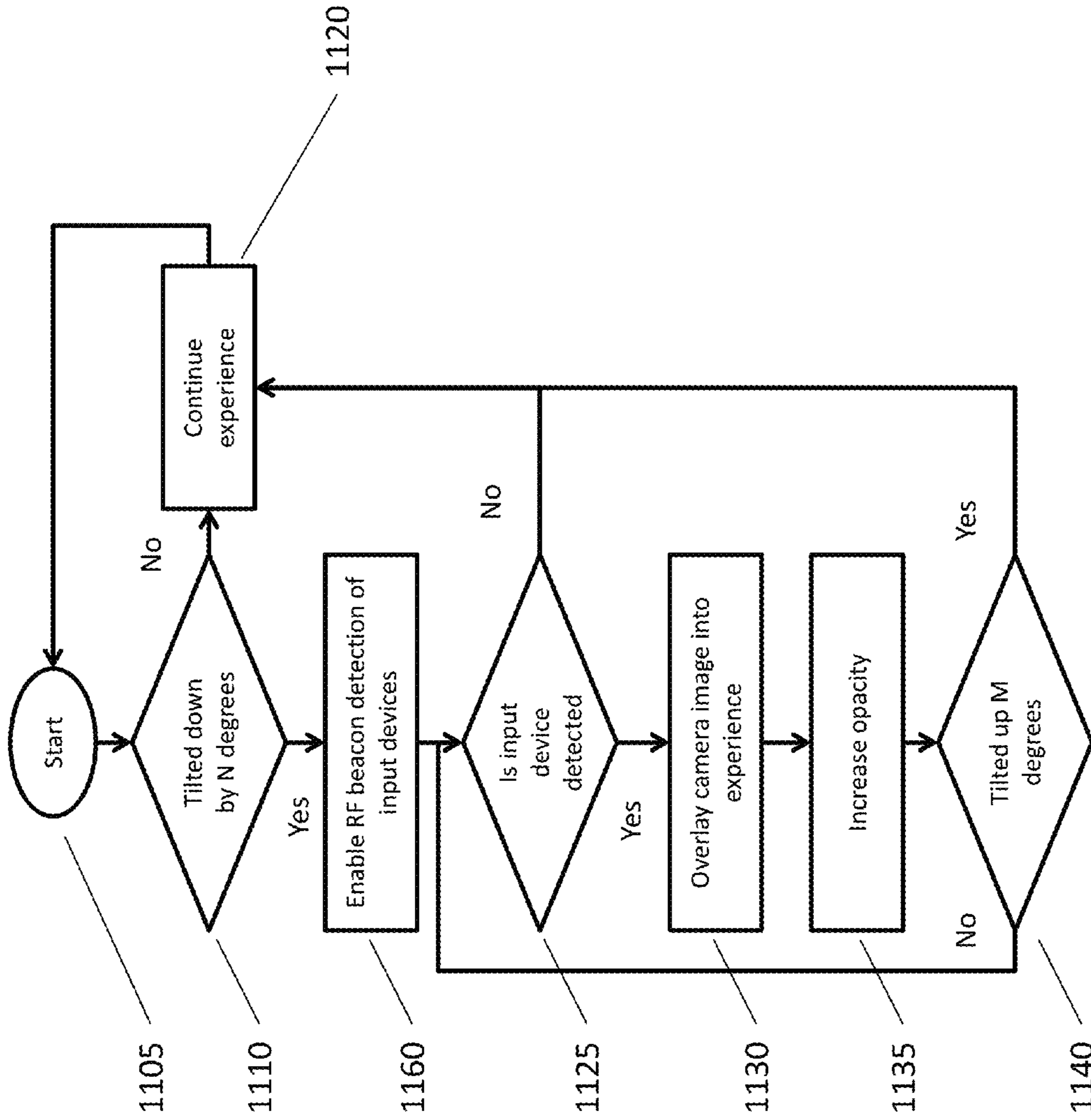


FIG. 11C

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SEDDENTARY VIRTUAL REALITY METHOD AND SYSTEMS

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention is directed to improving the user experience of virtual reality systems when recreating sedentary environments by providing environmental queues and control mechanisms.

BACKGROUND

Virtual reality systems have traditionally been designed to recreate dynamic, moving environments such as virtual, three-dimensional worlds. Virtual-reality systems have often relied on immersive, head-mounted displays to provide information to users. While providing an immersive environment appropriate for a virtual world, such head-mounted displays deprive a usual of real-world context, information, and control devices. Some users of such head-mounted displays often express discomfort during extended use and thus cannot use them for an extended duration or in particular environments. Such limited-duration use can deprive a user of the benefits of head-mounted displays and reduce their productivity.

Head mounted display systems that use mobile devices as the display apparatus have come into use. Such devices typically have lower resolution and frame rates that increase the users discomfort and reduces productivity.

SUMMARY

The present inventors recognized that user discomfort in virtual-reality systems can be caused by mismatches of motion (reality) to perceived environment (virtual), insufficient refresh rate of the rendering or display technology to keep pace with the displayed motion, and current systems do not allow a user to quickly see what is happening around them in the real world. The present inventors recognized the need to create virtual-reality systems that allow a user to increase their duration of use by providing real-world environmental queues and control mechanisms while recreating a sedentary virtual world.

Various implementations of the subject matter described herein may provide one or more of the following advantages. In one or more implementations, the techniques and apparatus described herein can enhance the virtual reality experience for use in recreating sedentary environments. By providing real-world environmental queues and control mechanisms, various implementations of the subject matter herein allow for an enhanced, recreated sedentary environment.

In general, in one aspect, the techniques can be implemented to include a device for creating a sedentary virtual-reality system, comprising: a display with a plurality of pixels; a mounting apparatus configured to attach the display to a user's head and position the display in front of a user's eyes; a position sensor capable of detecting an angle of use of the display; a camera capable of capturing live images; a memory component capable of storing electronic information; one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, and configured to analyze a default angle of the device and a first angle of the device and determine a first viewing mode for using the device; wherein the first viewing mode is a virtual-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render three monitors that are displayed on the display when in the virtual-reality viewing mode.

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Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze a second angle of the device and determine a second viewing mode for using the device; and the second viewing mode is an augmented-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render two or fewer monitors that are displayed on the display when in the augmented-reality viewing mode and one or more images captured by the camera.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze a third angle of the device and determine a third viewing mode for using the device; and the third viewing mode is a real-world mode and the one or more processors render one or more images captured from the camera that are displayed on the display when in real-world mode.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze a second and third angle of the device and determine a second and third viewing mode for using the device; the second viewing mode is an augmented-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render two or fewer monitors when in the virtual-reality viewing mode; and the third viewing mode is a real-world mode and the one or more processors render one or more images captured by the camera.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the second viewing angle is one to ten degrees less than the first viewing angle; the third viewing angle is one to fifteen degrees less than the second viewing angle; and the fourth viewing angle is one degree less than the third viewing angle. Further, the techniques can be implemented to further comprise a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors; and such that the one or more computer processors has determined the second or third viewing mode for using the device; and the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to perform radio frequency detection, and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

Further, the techniques can be implemented to further comprise a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors; such that the one or more computer processors has determined the second or third viewing mode for using the device; and the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze one or more images captured by the camera and perform computer vision detection on the one or more images captured by the camera, and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

Further, the techniques can be implemented to further comprise a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors; such that the one or more computer processors has determined the second or third viewing mode for using the device; and the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze one or more images captured by the camera and perform optical character recognition detection on the one or more images captured by the camera, and connect with an input device

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through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the display, the position sensor, the camera, the memory component, and the one or more computer processors are contained within a mobile device. Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the position sensor, the camera, the memory component, and the one or more computer processors are contained within a mobile device; and the camera is positioned on the edge of the mobile device such that the camera can face down when the display is positioned in front of a user's eyes. Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the display, the position sensor, and the camera are contained within a headset. Further, the techniques can be implemented to further comprise a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors; such that the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to detect other devices capable of sharing content; and the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured the processor is further configured to render the virtual-reality content to share with the other devices capable of sharing.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the display is partitioned into a left-eye viewing area and a right-eye viewing area that each display different images. Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the first, default angle of the device can be set by a user when the user is lying down.

In general, in another aspect, the techniques can be implemented to include Further, the techniques can be implemented such that a device for creating a sedentary virtual-reality system, comprising: a display with a plurality of pixels; a position sensor capable of detecting an angle of use of the display; a camera capable of capturing live images; a memory component capable of storing electronic information; a networking interface capable of wirelessly communicating with other devices; one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras, memory component, and networking interface; wherein the display, position sensor, camera, memory component, networking interface, and one or more computer processors are contained within a mobile device; a mounting apparatus configured to hold the mobile device position the display in front of a user's eyes; wherein, the one or more computer processors are configured to analyze angle of use of the display information received from the position sensor, and determine if the angle is between a first angle range, second angle range, or third angle range; wherein the first angle range corresponds to a virtual-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render three monitors that are displayed on the display when in the virtual-reality viewing mode; wherein the second angle range corresponds to an augmented-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render two or fewer monitors when in the virtual-reality viewing mode; and wherein the third angle range corresponds to a real-world viewing mode and the one or more processors render one or more images captured by the camera in the real-world viewing mode.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras, memory component, and networking interface are further configured to analyze one or more images captured by the camera and perform computer vision detection or optical character recognition detection and connect with an input device through the net-

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working interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors. Further, the techniques can be implemented such that one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras, memory component, and networking interface are further configured to perform radio frequency detection, and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the display is partitioned into a left-eye viewing area and a right-eye viewing area that each display different images. Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the first angle range is zero to ten degrees below a default angle; the second angle range is eleven to fifteen degrees below the default angle; and the third angle range is sixteen to forty degrees below the default angle. Further, the techniques can be implemented such that the default angle of the device can be set by a user when the user is lying down.

These general and specific techniques can be implemented using an apparatus, a method, a system, or any combination of apparatuses, methods, and systems. The details of one or more implementations are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Further features, aspects, and advantages will become apparent from the description, the drawings, and the claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows virtual reality headsets in a user environment.

FIG. 2A-2D show a desktop sedentary virtual-reality system.

FIG. 3 shows a block diagram of a mobile device capable of creating sedentary virtual-reality systems.

FIG. 4 shows a block diagram of a headset capable of creating sedentary virtual-reality systems.

FIG. 5 shows steps for initializing and rendering a desktop sedentary virtual-reality system.

FIG. 6 shows a sedentary virtual-reality system in a sharing environment.

FIG. 7 shows a block diagram of a server capable of creating a social environment for a sedentary virtual-reality system.

FIG. 8 shows steps for using a sedentary virtual-reality system in a sharing environment.

FIG. 9A-9C show enhanced mobile devices for use in creating sedentary virtual-reality systems.

FIG. 10 shows an enhanced headset for use in creating sedentary virtual-reality systems.

FIGS. 11A-C show steps for input device detection in sedentary virtual-reality systems.

Like reference symbols indicate like elements throughout the specification and drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

This invention generally relates to head-mounted display systems that recreate sedentary environments that allow a user to increase their use and also allow the user to maintain situational awareness. FIG. 1 shows virtual reality headsets in a user environment. User environment 100 contains a mobile device 105. Mobile device 105 incorporates display 110. Mobile device 105 rests on lid 130 of headset 115. Headset 115 can allow mobile device 105, which is typically handheld, to be head mounted. Headset 115 also contains right-eye viewer 120 and left-eye viewer 125. Headset 115 can allow mobile device 105 to be used in a virtual-reality environment.

Lid **130** can fold up such that display **110** of mobile device **105** sits adjacent to right-eye viewer **120** and left-eye viewer **125**. Headset **115** can be positioned onto the face of a user such that the user sees through right-eye viewer **120** with the user's right eye and through the left-eye viewer **125** with the user's left eye. For human vision, the ideal resolution would be 126,000×6,000 to achieve a full immersive field of view of 210 degrees wide by 100 degrees. Each degree would need 60 pixels to replicate human vision capabilities. Display **110** can be partitioned into a left-eye viewing area and a right-eye viewing area that correspond to left-eye viewer **125** and right-eye viewer **120** to create a three-dimensional virtual world. Display **110** can display sedentary environment display **140**, which can show a desktop with three monitors. Mobile device **105** can connect to other computers, including the Internet, to obtain content or interact with other devices.

A traditional headset, such as headset **160** can also be used. Traditional headset **160** can include headband **175**. Traditional headset **160** can include display **165**. Traditional headset can include hardware and software similar to a mobile device or computer to allow headset **160** to stand alone and generate its own content. Or headset **160** can connect to a computer or mobile device, such as mobile device **105**. The connection can be through a cable, such as cable **170**, or wireless. The connection can allow headset **160** to use the computer or mobile device to obtain content and interact with other devices.

Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can create a constrained use case that presents sedentary-based virtual reality experiences. For example, the sedentary experiences can include sedentary productivity and media consumption experiences that reflect common real world uses for traditional displays that are generally not found in virtual reality technology. Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can be used to expand the visual workspace by utilizing virtual-reality technology. By bringing the display closer to the user, the resolution of the display and perceived size are enhanced, allowing a user to see and thus process more information. Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can create virtual desktops with multiple monitor setups. For example, a user is able to view the equivalent of multiple large-screen monitors on sedentary environment display **140** through head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160**, and the user is able to experience desktop experiences on these monitors. Monitor configuration(s) can be changed for different work types, including word processing, cad, spreadsheet, or internet browsing.

Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can provide a solitary work environment amidst a public location such as planes, trains, coffee shops, or other public places. Similarly, head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can reduce visual distractions to a user working in a public place by limiting the user's peripheral vision. In addition, mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can include headphones (not depicted) that cancel ambient noise and reduce distraction from the surrounding environment. Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can allow a user to maintain the confidentiality of data while allowing a user to work in public by preventing observers from peering over the user's shoulder in public. Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can allow a user to view private information as well. Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can also allow a user to share information with other users in a confidential nature, including shared viewing of content or collaborate work on documents and data. Users can connect through social networks or business networks on such collaborate and shared experiences.

Head-mounted mobile device **105** and/or headset **160** can also increase the portability of a user's computing equipment by allowing a user to work without the need for bulky computer equipment.

As discussed in more detail below, enhancements to the sedentary environment can be made to allow a user to maintain situational awareness, minimize the discomfort of virtual-reality environments, enable ease of content navigation, connect to real-world peripherals such as a keyboards and mice, and

FIG. 2A-2D show a desktop sedentary virtual-reality system. FIG. 2A shows an initial setup of a sedentary virtual-reality system **200**. User **205** is using a headset and can see sedentary environment display **140**. Sedentary environment display **140** renders virtual monitor **210**, virtual monitor **215**, and virtual monitor **220**. The user **205** can set the normal viewing mode. The normal viewing mode is also the virtual reality mode used for primary viewing in the sedentary environment. For example, if the person is lying down or the person is leaning his/her head, the normal viewing mode can be set to match that default position and thereafter measure relative positions based on the default positions. Once the default position is set, the headset sets the current viewing angle to zero degree **225**. From the normal viewing mode, changes in user **205**'s position can switch the sedentary virtual-reality system **200** to augmented reality view or real-world view.

In augmented-reality viewing mode, a camera on a headset or mobile device captures the activity in front of user **205**, which user **205** cannot see with her own eyes due to the headset, and sedentary environment display **140** renders the captured activity behind the virtual monitors **210** while disappearing monitors **215**, and **220**. Sedentary environment display **140** can also frost or blur the captured activity before rendering it to create a less-distracting abstraction behind virtual monitors **210**. The rendering of the captured activity allows user **205** to see around her to prevent motion sickness and provide real world context awareness.

In real-world viewing mode, a camera on a headset or mobile device captures the activity below user **205** and towards the user **205**'s hands, which user **205** cannot see with her own eyes due to the headset, and sedentary environment display **140** renders the captured activity behind virtual monitor **210**. The camera can capture images of user **205**'s hands and input devices on a desk or lap below user **205** and render user **205**'s hands along with the devices on sedentary environment display **140**.

Switching between viewing modes can be accomplished by switching the position of the user's head. Alternatively, user **205** can maintain their position and use controls to switch to augmented reality view or real-world view. The controls can include buttons on the headset, voice commands, or devices such as keyboards and mice. Automatic switching. Detail gesture to transition back to reality.

Further, a camera on a headset or mobile device can capture and the headset or mobile device can analyze the captured images and detect any nearing objects to determine if there are any safety risks. The headset or mobile device can also analyze the captured images to determine if a person user **205** knows is approaching. The headset or mobile device can also use networking or other wireless technology to determine if mobile device owned by someone user **205** knows is approaching and then began capturing images to perform the facial detection. If there are safety risks or a known person approaching, the headset or mobile device can switch to augmented reality mode or real-world mode to allow user **205** to observe their surroundings without removing the headset.

Alternatively, the headset or mobile device can provide an icon or other prompt to the user.

FIG. 2B shows the normal viewing mode and an angle used to maintain the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 in normal viewing mode. Virtual displays 210, 215, and 220 show content controlled by the user 205. Virtual displays 210, 215, and 220 can be separate, as depicted, or can be spliced together as one continuous display. When virtual displays 210, 215, and 220 are separate, they can support distinct workspaces (e.g. work, home, and entertainment). When virtual displays 210, 215, and 220 are used, they can allow for center display to be the active desktop. Allowing the center display to be the active desktop prevents neck and eye strain. Normal viewing mode can be maintained when the user 205 keeps her head within 10 degrees 225 of the default position. Arrows 230 indicate possible directions of view by a user.

FIG. 2C shows the augmented-reality viewing mode and an angle used to maintain the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 in augmented-reality viewing mode. When user 205 tilts their head between ten degrees and fifteen degrees 255 down from the default position, the mobile device or headset can switch to augmented-reality viewing mode. In augmented-reality viewing mode, virtual displays 215 and 220 can disappear and sedentary environment display 140 can render the captured activity around virtual monitors 210, including into spaces 240 and 245 that virtual displays 215 and 220 once occupied. Sedentary environment display 140 can also frost or blur the captured activity before rendering it to create a less-distracting abstraction behind virtual monitors 210. The rendering of the captured activity can allow user 205 to see around her to prevent motion sickness and provide real-world contextual awareness. The center display can still be active and can be used by user 205. Augmented-reality viewing mode can be maintained when the user 205 keeps her head between 11 and 15 degrees 255 of the default position. If a user raises their head to less than 11 degrees of the default position, the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 can switch back to virtual-reality viewing mode.

In other implementations, virtual monitors 215 and/or 220 need not be disappeared. In yet other implementations, virtual monitors 210, 215, and 220 can be shrunk or spaced apart to allow greater real-world contextual awareness.

FIG. 2D shows the real-world viewing mode and an angle used to maintain the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 in real-world viewing mode. In real-world viewing mode, virtual displays 215 and 220 can disappear and sedentary environment display 140 can renders the captured activity around virtual monitors 210, including into spaces 244 and 249 that virtual displays 215 and 220 once occupied. The rendering of the captured activity can allow user 205 to see around her to prevent motion sickness and provide real world context awareness. The center display can still be active and can be used by user 205.

In real-world viewing mode, a camera on a headset or mobile device can capture the activity below user 205 and towards the user 205's hands, which user 205 cannot see with her own eyes due to the headset, and sedentary environment display 140 renders the captured activity behind virtual monitor 210. A user 205 can connect a mouse 275 or keyboard 270 to the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 to allow a user 205 to interact with the desktop input devices and control the sedentary virtual-reality system 200. The camera can capture images of user 205's hands 280 and 285, keyboard 270, mouse 275, and desk or lap 290. Sedentary virtual-reality system 200 can render user 205's hands 280 and 285, keyboard 270, mouse 275, and desk or lap 290 on display 140 so that the user can see how his hands are aligned. This can allow

user 205 to locate keyboard 270 and mouse 275 relative to their hands. Mouse 275 and/or keyboard 270 can utilize various visual markers or communication systems (e.g. RFID, Bluetooth) to aid the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 in detecting their relative position.

Virtual control devices can also be used. Virtual keyboards can also be rendered and the camera can be used to track where user 205's fingers gesture. Likewise, gestures can be used to substitute for a pointing device, such as mouse 275, and the camera can be used to capture those gestures for analysis by the sedentary virtual-reality system 200.

Keyboard 270 can also include a pointing device to obviate the need for mouse 275 so that user 205 need not repeatedly look down to locate mouse 275. Alternatively, if the camera sense user 205 searching for mouse 275 while in another mode, sedentary virtual-reality system 200 can render a small picture-in-picture window that shows the mouse and the user's hand relative to the mouse while staying in that mode.

Real-world viewing mode can be maintained when the user 205 keeps her head between 16 and 40 degrees 265 of the default position. If a user raises their head to less than 16 degrees of the default position, the sedentary virtual-reality system 200 can switch back to augmented-reality viewing mode.

While angles for the use of each viewing system have been provided, other angles can be used. Angles can for each viewing mode can change depending on the environment and default position of the user. They can be adjusted by the user. For example, virtual keyboard using front camera would use real-world mode to see where fingers are typing using virtual key overlaid.

The sedentary virtual-reality system 200 can be implemented using head-mounted mobile device 105 and/or headset 160.

FIG. 3 shows a block diagram of computer system 300 that can be used to create sedentary virtual-reality systems. Computer system 300 can be implemented inside mobile device 105. Computer system 300 can include bus 365 that connects the various components. Bus 365 can include one or more physical connections and can permit unidirectional or omnidirectional communication between two or more of the components in the computer system 300. Alternatively, components connected to bus 365 can be connected to computer system 300 through wireless technologies such as Bluetooth, Wifi, or cellular technology. The computer system 300 can include a microphone 345 for receiving sound and converting it to a digital audio signal. The microphone 345 can be coupled to bus 365, which can transfer the audio signal to one or more other components. Computer system 300 can include a headphone jack 360 for transmitting audio and data information to headphones and other audio devices.

An input 340 including one or more input devices also can be configured to receive instructions and information. For example, in some implementations input 340 can include a number of buttons. In some other implementations input 340 can include one or more of a mouse, a keyboard, a touch pad, a touch screen, a joystick, a cable interface, voice recognition, and any other such input devices known in the art. Further, audio and image signals also can be received by the computer system 300 through the input 340 and/or microphone 345. Input 340 can include a wireless remote control that can be used to control computer system 300 when it is in a head-mounted display.

Further, computer system 300 can include network interface 320. Network interface 320 can be wired or wireless. A wireless network interface 320 can include one or more radios for making one or more simultaneous communication con-

nections (e.g., wireless, Bluetooth, low power Bluetooth, cellular systems, PCS systems, or satellite communications). A wired network interface **320** can be implemented using an Ethernet adapter or other wired infrastructure. Network interface **320** can be a mesh network, and can connect to wireless input devices such as mice and keyboards. Network interface **320** can also obtain relative-position information using network protocols to determine if input devices are located above, below, or to the side.

Computer system **300** may include a location sensor **370** to determine its geographic location. Location sensor **370** can include a GPS receiver. Alternatively, geographic location information can be programmed into memory **315** using input **340** or received via network interface **320**. Location sensor **370** can be used to determine the relative position of input devices and other computer devices relative to computer system **300**. Location sensor **370** can work on a smaller scale than GPS. Location sensor **370** can sense electronic tags on input devices to determine the relative position of the input devices and signal processor **100** to connect to such devices using network interface **320**. Location sensor **370** can provide signal processor **100** with the relative position of such devices so processor **100** can render a virtual image of the device to the display **335**.

An audio signal, image signal, video signal, user input, metadata, geographic information, user data, reproduction device, or modality information, other input or any portion or combination thereof, can be processed in the computer system **300** using the processor **310**. Processor **310** can be used to perform analysis, processing, editing, playback functions, or to combine various signals, including processing audio, image, or video signals.

For example, processor **310** can be used to analyze the position of mobile device **111** to determine which viewing mode should be displayed. Once a viewing mode has been determined, processor **310** can determine which virtual-portions to render or disappear, and which augmented and/or real-world portions to render onto display **335**. Processor **310** can also be used to process images captured by camera **390** and determine if objects are moving towards a user and the viewing mode needs to be changed, or if a known person is recognized and the user needs to be alerted. Processor **310** can perform computer vision for object detection, object boundary detection, or Optical character recognition to detect the QWERTY pattern of a keyboard or other input device.

Processor **310** can use memory **315** to aid in the processing of various signals, e.g., by storing intermediate results. Memory **315** can be volatile or non-volatile memory. Either or both of original and processed signals can be stored in memory **315** for processing or stored in storage **330** for persistent storage. Further, storage **330** can be integrated or removable storage such as Secure Digital, Secure Digital High Capacity, Memory Stick, USB memory, compact flash, xD Picture Card, or a hard drive.

Image signals accessible in computer system **300** can be presented on a display device **335**, which can be an LCD display, LED display, OLED display, plasma display, or other display device. Display **335** also can display one or more user interfaces such as an input interface. The display can be driven to present two images to allow stereoscopic imaging.

The audio signals available in computer system **300** also can be presented through output **350**. Output device **350** can be a speaker, multiple speakers, and/or speakers in combination with one or more haptic devices. Headphone jack **360** can also be used to communicate digital or analog information, including audio and sound profiles.

Computer system **300** can include positional sensor **380**. Positional sensor **380** can be an electronic gyroscope or other device to measure the angle of computer system **300**. For example, positional sensor **380** can tell if a user wearing a headset incorporating computer system **300** has tilted his head downwards or upwards. Positional sensor **380** can tell the degree that computer system **300** has been tilted.

Camera **390** can be used to capture real world imagery. Camera **390** can be used in conjunction with processor **310** and network interface **320** to provide the relative location of input devices so they can be displayed in a virtual world. For example, when positional sensor **380** signals that computer system **300** is tilting downwards, camera **390** may provide images that processor **310** analyzes to identify input devices and connection information for those devices. Network interface **320** can then connect to the input devices. The images can also be used for process **100** to render virtual versions of the input devices for display in the virtual world.

Devices that are connected to computer system **300** can be integrated into a headset that accepts mobile device **105** as its display. For example, the devices that connect to input **340**, such as buttons, can be integrated into the headset and used to control computer system **300**.

FIG. 4 shows a block diagram of a headset capable of creating sedentary virtual-reality systems. Computer system **400** can be implemented inside headset **160**. Computer system **400** can include bus **465** that connects the various components. Bus **465** can include one or more physical connections and can permit unidirectional or omnidirectional communication between two or more of the components in the computer system **400**. Alternatively, components connected to bus **465** can be connected to computer system **400** through wireless technologies such as Bluetooth, Wifi, or cellular technology. The computer system **400** can include a microphone **445** for receiving sound and converting it to a digital audio signal. The microphone **445** can be coupled to bus **465**, which can transfer the audio signal to one or more other components. Computer system **400** can include a headphone jack **460** for transmitting audio and data information to headphones and other audio devices.

An input **340** including one or more input devices also can be configured to receive instructions and information. For example, in some implementations input **440** can include a number of buttons. In some other implementations input **440** can include one or more of a mouse, a keyboard, a touch pad, a touch screen, a joystick, a cable interface, voice recognition, and any other such input devices known in the art. Further, audio and image signals also can be received by the computer system **400** through the input **440** and/or microphone **445**. Input **440** can include a wireless remote control that can be used to control computer system **400** so the user does not need to touch computer system **400** directly.

Further, computer system **400** can include network interface **420**. Network interface **420** can be wired or wireless. A wireless network interface **420** can include one or more radios for making one or more simultaneous communication connections (e.g., wireless, Bluetooth, low power Bluetooth, cellular systems, PCS systems, or satellite communications). A wired network interface **420** can be implemented using an Ethernet adapter or other wired infrastructure. Network interface **420** can be a mesh network, and can connect to wireless input devices such as mice and keyboards. Network interface **420** can also obtain relative-position information using network protocols to determine if input devices are located above, below, or to the side.

Computer system **400** may include a Location sensor **470** to determine its geographic location. Location sensor **470** can

include a GPS receiver. Alternatively, geographic location information can be programmed into memory 415 using input 440 or received via network interface 420. Location sensor 470 can be used to determine the relative position of input devices and other computer devices relative to computer system 400. Location sensor 470 can work on a smaller scale than GPS. Location sensor 470 can sense electronic tags on input devices to determine the relative position of the input devices and signal processor 400 to connect to such devices using network interface 420. Location sensor 470 can provide signal processor 400 with the relative position of such devices so processor 400 can render a virtual image of the device to the display 435.

An audio signal, image signal, video signal, user input, metadata, geographic information, user data, reproduction device, or modality information, other input or any portion or combination thereof, can be processed in the computer system 400 using the processor 410. Processor 410 can be used to perform analysis, processing, editing, playback functions, or to combine various signals, including processing audio, image, or video signals.

For example, processor 410 can be used to analyze the position of mobile device 160 to determine which viewing mode should be displayed. Once a viewing mode has been determined, processor 410 can determine which virtual-portions to render or disappear, and which augmented and/or real-world portions to render onto display 435. Processor 410 can also be used to process images captured by camera 490 and determine if objects are moving towards a user and the viewing mode needs to be changed, or if a known person is recognized and the user needs to be alerted. Processor 410 can perform computer vision for object detection, object boundary detection, or Optical character recognition to detect the QWERTY pattern of a keyboard or other input device.

Processor 410 can use memory 415 to aid in the processing of various signals, e.g., by storing intermediate results. Memory 415 can be volatile or non-volatile memory. Either or both of original and processed signals can be stored in memory 415 for processing or stored in storage 430 for persistent storage. Further, storage 430 can be integrated or removable storage such as Secure Digital, Secure Digital High Capacity, Memory Stick, USB memory, compact flash, xD Picture Card, or a hard drive.

Image signals accessible in computer system 400 can be presented on a display device 435, which can be an LCD display, LED display, OLED display, plasma display, or other display device. Display 435 also can display one or more user interfaces such as an input interface. The display can be driven to present two images to allow stereoscopic imaging.

The audio signals available in computer system 400 also can be presented through output 450. Output device 450 can be a speaker, multiple speakers, and/or speakers in combination with one or more haptic devices. Headphone jack 460 can also be used to communicate digital or analog information, including audio and sound profiles.

Computer system 400 can include positional sensor 480. Positional sensor 480 can be an electronic gyroscope or other device to measure the angle of computer system 400. For example, positional sensor 480 can tell if a user of computer system 400 has tilted her head downwards or upwards. Positional sensor 480 can tell the degree that computer system 400 has been tilted.

Camera 490 can be used to capture real world imagery. Camera 490 can be used in conjunction with processor 410 and network interface 420 to provide the relative location of input devices so they can be displayed in a virtual world. For example, when positional sensor 480 signals that computer

system 400 is tilting downwards, camera 490 may provide images that processor 410 analyzes to identify input devices and connection information for those devices. Network interface 420 can then connect to the input devices. The images can also be used for process 400 to render virtual versions of the input devices for display in the virtual world. Camera 490 can include one or more camera sensors in various locations. For example, camera 490 can include a camera sensor on the bottom of headset 411 to better capture input devices, such as keyboards or mice, that may be on a desk below headset 411.

FIG. 5 shows steps for initializing and rendering a desktop sedentary virtual-reality system. Sedentary virtual-reality system can monitor user inputs to detect when a user sets a default position (505). When the default position is set, sedentary virtual-reality system can measure the relative position of the mobile device or headset (510). If the relative position is a first specific angle, sedentary virtual-reality system sets the viewing mode to virtual-reality viewing mode (515). Sedentary virtual-reality system then renders the virtual-reality viewing mode (520). Intermittently, while virtual-reality viewing mode is rendered (520), sedentary virtual-reality system measures the relative position (510) to make sure the user has not indicated a desire to change viewing modes. If the user has indicated a desire to change viewing modes, when sedentary virtual-reality system measures the relative position (510), it will detect a second specific angle and set the viewing mode to augmented-reality viewing mode (525). Sedentary virtual-reality system then renders the augmented-reality viewing mode (525). Intermittently, while augmented-reality viewing mode is rendered (525), sedentary virtual-reality system measures the relative position (510) to make sure the user has not indicated a desire to change viewing modes. If the user has indicated a desire to change viewing modes, when sedentary virtual-reality system measures the relative position (510), it will detect a third specific angle and set the viewing mode to real-world viewing mode (540). Sedentary virtual-reality system then renders the real-world viewing mode (520). Intermittently, while real-world viewing mode is rendered (540), sedentary virtual-reality system measures the relative position (510) to make sure the user has not indicated a desire to change viewing modes. If the user has indicated a desire to change viewing modes, when sedentary virtual-reality system measures the relative position (510), it will detect the first or third specific angle and set the viewing mode to either virtual-reality viewing mode (515) or augmented-reality viewing mode (525).

While rendering augmented-reality viewing mode (530), virtual-reality viewing mode (520), or real-world viewing mode (540), the sedentary virtual-reality system may detect a safety issue or a known person, and may switch to a different mode or a live camera feed to alert the user to the safety issue or known person.

FIGS. 3 and 4 show systems capable of performing these steps. The steps described in FIG. 5 need not be performed in the order recited and two or more steps can be performed in parallel or combined. In some implementations, other types of media also can be shared or manipulated, including audio or video.

FIG. 6 shows a sedentary virtual-reality system in a sharing environment. Multiple devices can share all or parts of a view in sharing environment 600. Mobile device 105 can connect through connection 605 to network 650. Headset 660 can also connect to network 650 through connection 660. Similarly, mobile device 620 can connect to network 650 through connection 625. Connections 605, 660, and 625 can be wired or wireless. Network 650 can also connect to server 660. Network 650 can be the internet, a local network, or a peer-to-

peer network created between the devices. Mobile device **105**, headset **160**, and mobile device **620** can also make direct connections to one another. The connections can allow the sharing of audio, video, and other data.

Mobile device **105**, headset **160** and/or mobile device **620** can share all or part of a viewing mode. For example, if users of mobile device **105**, headset **160** and/or mobile device **620** want to watch a video game together, one of the devices can render the video game and then share the rendered screen with the other devices. Similarly, if users of mobile device **105**, headset **160** and/or mobile device **620** want to collaborate on editing a document, editing a spreadsheet, view photos, view videos, or screen share, one of the devices can render the video game and then share the rendered screen with the other devices. The information to be shared can be located, in the first instance, on server **660**. Even while screen sharing, each individual user can still switch between virtual-reality viewing mode, augmented-reality viewing mode, and real-world viewing mode, and modify the received content to fit the viewing mode.

Alternatively, server **660** can take an active role in rendering the virtual-reality environment and then distribute the rendered environment to mobile device **105**, headset **160** and/or mobile device **620**. Server **660** can transcode content and format the content for the specific device and its display. Server **660** can perform other computationally-intensive data manipulation. For example, if users of mobile device **105**, headset **160** and/or mobile device **620** want to watch a video game together, server **660** can render the video game and then share the rendered screen with the devices. Similarly, if users of mobile device **105**, headset **160** and/or mobile device **620** want to collaborate on editing a document, editing a spreadsheet, view photos, view videos, or screen share, server **660** can render the video game and then share the rendered screen with the other devices. Even while screen sharing, each individual user can still switch between virtual-reality viewing mode, augmented-reality viewing mode, and real-world viewing mode, and modify the received content to fit the viewing mode.

Mobile device **105**, headset **160**, and/or mobile device **620** can discover other devices to share with using various strategies. For example, mobile device **105**, headset **160**, and/or mobile device **620** can search for devices in the local vicinity using Bluetooth or other networking and then verify whether the other device is a known device. Mobile device **105**, headset **160**, and/or mobile device **620** can use other social networks such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and/or twitter to identify other known users and their devices for sharing.

FIG. 7 shows a block diagram of a server capable of creating a social environment for a sedentary virtual-reality system.

FIG. 7 shows a block diagram of a computer system **700**. Computer system **700** can be found in computer **600** and can be capable of performing the functions described in relation to FIG. 6. A subset of components in computer system **700** could also be used, and the components could be found in a PC, server, or cloud-based system. Bus **765** can include one or more physical connections and can permit unidirectional or omnidirectional communication between two or more of the components in the computer system **700**. Alternatively, components connected to bus **765** can be connected to computer system **700** through wireless technologies such as Bluetooth, Wifi, or cellular technology. The computer system **700** can include a microphone **745** for receiving sound and converting it to a digital audio signal. The microphone **745** can be coupled to bus **765**, which can transfer the audio signal to one or more other components. Computer system **700** can include

a headphone jack **760** for transmitting audio and data information to headphones and other audio devices.

An input **740** including one or more input devices also can be configured to receive instructions and information. For example, in some implementations input **740** can include a number of buttons. In some other implementations input **740** can include one or more of a mouse, a keyboard, a touch pad, a touch screen, a joystick, a cable interface, voice recognition, and any other such input devices known in the art. Further, audio and image signals also can be received by the computer system **700** through the input **740**.

Further, computer system **700** can include network interface **720**. Network interface **720** can be wired or wireless. A wireless network interface **720** can include one or more radios for making one or more simultaneous communication connections (e.g., wireless, Bluetooth, low power Bluetooth, cellular systems, PCS systems, or satellite communications). A wired network interface **720** can be implemented using an Ethernet adapter or other wired infrastructure.

Computer system **700** includes a processor **710**. Processor **710** can use memory **715** to aid in the processing of various signals, e.g., by storing intermediate results. Memory **715** can be volatile or non-volatile memory. Either or both of original and processed signals can be stored in memory **715** for processing or stored in storage **730** for persistent storage. Further, storage **730** can be integrated or removable storage such as Secure Digital, Secure Digital High Capacity, Memory Stick, USB memory, compact flash, xD Picture Card, or a hard drive.

For example, processor **710** can be used to receiving the position of mobile device **111** to determine which viewing mode should be rendered. Once a viewing mode has been determined, processor **710** can determine which virtual-portions to render or disappear, and which augmented and/or real-world portions to render and distribute to other devices.

Image signals accessible in computer system **700** can be presented on a display device **735**, which can be an LCD display, printer, projector, plasma display, or other display device. Display **735** also can display one or more user interfaces such as an input interface. The audio signals available in computer system **700** also can be presented through output **750**. Output device **750** can be a speaker. Headphone jack **760** can also be used to communicate digital or analog information, including audio and sound profiles.

In addition to being capable of performing virtually all of the same kinds of analysis, processing, parsing, editing, and playback tasks as computer system **300** described above, computer system **700** is also capable of maintaining a database of users, either in storage **730** or across additional networked storage devices. This type of database can be useful, for example, to operate a streaming service, or other type of store where documents or multimedia can be distributed. Within the user database, each user is assigned some sort of unique identifier. Whether provided to computer system **700** using input **740** or by transmissions over network interface **720**, various data regarding each user can be associated with that user's identifier in the database, including demographic information, geographic information, and information regarding reproduction devices and consumption modalities. Processor **710** is capable of analyzing such data associated with a given user and extrapolate from it the user's likely preferences when it comes to rendering. For example, processor **710** may receive information regarding the mobile device's screen, and may store this information and use it to render the display screens. These user rendering preferences can be stored in the database for later retrieval and use.

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In addition to the user database, computer system **700** is capable of maintaining a collection of documents, either in storage **1330** or across additional networked storage devices. For example, the documents can be video games, word processing documents, spreadsheets, photos, videos, or websites. The information to be shared can be located, in the first instance, on server **660**.

FIG. **8** shows steps for using a sedentary virtual-reality system in a sharing environment. Sedentary virtual-reality system or a server, acting as the source device, can monitor its connections until it detects another device for sharing (**805**). When another device is detected, the other devices can self-identify (**810**) and the source device can determine if it wishes to share with the other devices. The source device, with the help of user input, can determine which content to share (**820**). The content can be rendered locally at the source device (**830**). The content can then be rendered for sharing (**840**). Rendering for sharing can include reformatting the content to accommodate the display of the receiving device. The rendered content is then shared with the other devices (**850**). The steps may be performed so multiple devices share content.

FIGS. **3**, **4**, and **7** shows systems capable of performing these steps. The steps described in FIG. **8** need not be performed in the order recited and two or more steps can be performed in parallel or combined. In some implementations, other types of media also can be shared or manipulated, including audio or video.

FIG. **9A-9C** show enhanced mobile devices for use in creating sedentary virtual-reality systems. Mobile device **900** can include enhancements to further enable a sedentary virtual-reality system. Mobile device **900** can include wide-angle camera **905**. Wide-angle camera **905** can allow mobile device **900** to capture a larger portion of the surroundings to provide greater situational awareness. Wide-angle camera **905** can have a fish-eye lens that allows for an even wider angle. Wide-angle camera **905** can allow mobile device **900** to capture images of the user's hands, a keyboard, or a mouse while allowing the user to tilt their head less to bring the user's hands, keyboard, or mouse into view. Images from wide-angle camera **905** can be processed using the devices disclosed above in FIGS. **3** and **4** to render flat images for use in the augmented-reality viewing mode, and the real-world viewing mode.

Mobile device **910** can include left camera **915** and right camera **920**. Left camera **915**, and right camera **920** can be used to create stereoscopic images that can be captured and processed using the devices disclosed above in FIGS. **3** and **4** to render stereoscopic images in the augmented-reality viewing mode, and the real-world viewing mode. Stereoscopic images can also be used by the processor **310** or processor **410** to determine if an object is moving towards the user. Camera **390** or **490** can include stereoscopic camera sensors to aid in creating stereoscopic images. Camera **390** or **490** can also include a camera pointing behind the user for capturing events behind the user and for use in alerting the user to those events.

Mobile device **930** can include a bottom camera **935** in addition to camera **940**. Bottom camera **935** can allow mobile device **930** to capture images of the user's hands, a keyboard, or a mouse while allowing the user to tilt their head less to bring the user's hands, keyboard, or mouse into view. Bottom camera **935** can be of lower resolution. Bottom camera **935** can also be used to enable picture-in-picture mode when a user appears to be trying to locate a keyboard or a mouse as discussed above.

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FIG. **10** shows an enhanced headset for use in creating sedentary virtual-reality systems. The use environment **1000**, shows a user's position relative to the headset. FIG. **10** shows two views of a headset that allows the mobile device to be placed on the top of the unit, instead of in the front of the unit. Headset **1005** can hold mobile device **1035** on the top of headset **1005** using a clear piece of material **1015**. The display of headset **1005** (not shown) faces down towards screen **1010**. Screen **1010** reflects the light emitted from the display into lens **1030**, which is then viewed by user **1040**. Screen **1010** can be partially or completely transparent. Screen **1010** can allow the real-world to be viewed through the screen **1010** with the images from the display of headset **1005** overlaid on top of the real world view. Forward imaging for mobile device **1035** can be handle using a bottom camera in device **1035** or via a reflector attached to the backside of mobile device **1035**.

FIGS. **11A-C** show steps for input device detection in sedentary virtual-reality systems. As described above, sedentary virtual-reality system can monitor user inputs and the mobile device or headset are monitored (**1105**) to detect when a user sets a default position. Sedentary virtual-reality system can measure the relative position of the mobile device or headset to detect if the mobile device or headset has been tilted down by N degrees. The number of degrees can depend on the distance between the user and the input device. For example, if the input device is closer to the user, the degree can be greater. The mobile device or headset can record prior usage scenarios, the distances between the input device and the user, the geography, and use the prior settings to determine N . For example, if when the user is at their work desk, the keyboard is closer to the user, the mobile device or headset can require a higher N the next time the user is at her desk. N can also be greater than the degree of tilt required to switch use modes. The mobile device or headset can evaluate N (**1110**). If the mobile device or headset is not tilted down by N degrees, the prior usage mode continues (**1120**), no new input device is detected or connected, and user inputs and the mobile device or headset are monitored (**1105**). If the mobile device or headset is tilted down by N degrees, the mobile device or headset enables computer vision object detection to monitor the camera feed and detect an input device (**1115**). The computer vision object detection can be enhanced by using known parameters for various input devices. For example, the computer vision object detection can look for rectangles to identify a keyboard. If the input device is not detected (**1125**), the prior usage mode continues (**1120**). If the input device is detected, the camera feed can be overlaid into the experience (**1130**) such that the user sees the input device. Alternative arrangements are also possible. An icon can be used, instead of a live image. The camera feed can be adjusted in size before being overlaid. The camera feed can be placed side-by-side, rather than overlaid. The opacity of the camera overlay can also be gradually increased (**1135**) to smooth the blending of the camera overlay into the display. If the user has located the input device, the user can tilt their head up M degrees (**1140**), the prior usage mode continues (**1120**). If the input device is not connected, the search continues until the input device is detected (**1125**) or the user titles their head up M degrees (**1140**). M degrees can be the same as N degrees, but may vary.

As an alternative to the mobile device or headset enabling computer vision object detection to monitor the camera feed and detect an input device (**1115**), the mobile device or headset can enable Optical Character Recognition (OCR) detection (**1150**) to detect an input device as show in FIG. **11B**. The OCR detection can search for QWERTY lettering on a potential keyboard or known brand labels of input device manufac-

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turers. The other steps in 11B mirror those in 11A. As another alternative to the mobile device or headset enabling computer vision object detection to monitor the camera feed and detect an input device (1115), the mobile device or headset can enable Radio Frequency (RF) detection (1160) to detect an input device as show in FIG. 11C. The other steps in 11B mirror those in 11A. The mobile device or headset can use combinations of computer vision object detection, OCR detection, and/or RF detection to identify input devices.

FIGS. 3 and 4 show systems capable of performing the steps depicted in FIGS. 11A-C. The steps described in FIGS. 11A-C need not be performed in the order recited and two or more steps can be performed in parallel or combined. In some implementations, other types of media also can be shared or manipulated, including audio or video.

A number of examples of implementations have been disclosed herein. Other implementations are possible based on what is disclosed and illustrated.

We claim:

1. A device for creating a sedentary virtual-reality system, comprising:

a display with a plurality of pixels;
a mounting apparatus configured to attach the display to a user's head and position the display in front of a user's eyes;
a position sensor capable of detecting an angle of use of the display;

a camera capable of capturing live images;
a memory component capable of storing electronic information;

one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, and configured to analyze a default angle of the device and a first angle of the device and determine a first viewing mode for using the device;

wherein the first viewing mode is a virtual-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render three horizontally-placed monitors and a completely rendered background behind the three horizontally-placed monitors that are displayed on the display when in the virtual-reality viewing mode;

the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze a second and third angle of the device and determine a second and third viewing mode for using the device;

wherein the second viewing mode is an augmented-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render a composite image, comprised of two or fewer monitors and a background behind the two or fewer monitors comprised of images captured by the camera in real-time, that are displayed on the display when in the augmented-reality viewing mode; and

wherein the third viewing mode is a real-world mode where images captured by the camera in real time with no rendered content are displayed on the display.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein:

the second viewing angle is one to ten degrees less than the first viewing angle; and

the third viewing angle is one to fifteen degrees less than the second viewing angle.

3. The device of claim 1, further comprising:

a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors;

wherein the one or more computer processors has determined the second or third viewing mode for using the device; and

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wherein the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to perform radio frequency detection, and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

4. The device of claim 1, further comprising:

a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors;

wherein the one or more computer processors has determined the second or third viewing mode for using the device; and

wherein the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze one or more images captured by the camera and perform computer vision detection on the one or more images captured by the camera, and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

5. The device of claim 1, further comprising:

a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors;

wherein the one or more computer processors has determined the second or third viewing mode for using the device; and

wherein the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to analyze one or more images captured by the camera and perform optical character recognition detection on the one or more images captured by the camera, and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

6. The device of claim 1, wherein the display, the position sensor, the camera, the memory component, and the one or more computer processors are contained within a mobile device.

7. The device of claim 1, wherein the position sensor, the camera, the memory component, and the one or more computer processors are contained within a mobile device; and the camera is positioned on the edge of the mobile device such that the camera can face down when the display is positioned in front of a user's eyes.

8. The device of claim 1, wherein the display, the position sensor, and the camera are contained within a headset.

9. The device of claim 1, further comprising:

a networking interface communicatively coupled to the one or more computer processors;

wherein the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured to detect other devices capable of sharing content; and

wherein the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, memory component, and camera, are further configured the processor is further configured to render the virtual-reality content to share with the other devices capable of sharing.

10. The device of claim 1, wherein the display is partitioned into a left-eye viewing area and a right-eye viewing area that each display different images.

11. The device of claim 1, wherein the first, default angle of the device can be set by a user when the user is lying down.

12. A device for creating a sedentary virtual-reality system, comprising:

a display with a plurality of pixels;

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a position sensor capable of detecting an angle of use of the display;
 a camera capable of capturing live images;
 a memory component capable of storing electronic information;
 a networking interface capable of wirelessly communicating with other devices;
 one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras, memory component, and networking interface;
 wherein the display, position sensor, camera, memory component, networking interface, and one or more computer processors are contained within a mobile device;
 a mounting apparatus configured to hold the mobile device position the display in front of a user's eyes;
 wherein, the one or more computer processors are configured to analyze angle of use of the display information received from the position sensor, and determine if the angle is between a first angle range, second angle range, or third angle range;
 wherein the first angle range corresponds to a virtual-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render three monitors that are displayed on the display when in the virtual-reality viewing mode;
 wherein the second angle range corresponds to an augmented-reality viewing mode and the one or more processors render two or fewer monitors when in the virtual-reality viewing mode;
 wherein the third angle range corresponds to a real-world viewing mode and the one or more processors render one or more images captured by the camera in the real-world viewing mode; and
 wherein the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras,

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memory component, and networking interface are further configured to detect an input device when in the third angle range and connect with an input device through the networking interface when the input device is detected by the one or more computer processors.

13. The device of claim **12**, wherein:
 the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras, memory component, and networking interface are further configured to detect an input device by analyzing one or more images captured by the camera and perform computer vision detection or optical character recognition detection on the one or more captured images.

14. The device of claim **12**, wherein:
 the one or more computer processors, communicatively coupled to the display, position sensor, cameras, memory component, and networking interface are further configured to detect an input device by performing radio frequency detection.

15. The device of claim **12**, wherein the display is partitioned into a left-eye viewing area and a right-eye viewing area that each display different images.

16. The device of claim **12**, wherein:
 wherein the first angle range is zero to ten degrees below a default angle;
 wherein the second angle range is eleven to fifteen degrees below the default angle; and
 wherein the third angle range is sixteen to forty degrees below the default angle.

17. The device of claim **16**, wherein the default angle of the device can be set by a user when the user is lying down.

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